



*Forward
in Faith*



IMPACT REPORT



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

With sincere gratitude, I am pleased to share this Annual Report for our 2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Compelled by the theme, *Forward in Faith*, more than 21,000 individuals and families gave nearly \$6.5 million to help our Diocesan Church, parish communities, and people in the most dire need to navigate through these challenging times.

For forty years, the CMA has been the Diocese of Rochester's commitment to raising the necessary funds to invest in our parishes and ministries for fulfilling the mission of our Church "to love God above all things, and to serve our neighbors in need, for love of Him". As you will see in this report, the CMA assists the poor, the needy, and the most vulnerable in our communities. The CMA educates our seminarians and deacon candidates, and prepares them as our future faith leaders. The CMA supports parish faith formation programs and Catholic schools, and promotes initiation and participation in the Sacraments. Above all, the CMA allows the Diocese to ensure the strength of our local parishes, supporting our pastors, parish staffs, and vital parish ministries in the proclamation of the Gospel and the sanctification of God's people.

Assuring you of a continued remembrance in my prayers and humbly asking for a remembrance in your good prayers, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ *Salvatore R. Matano*

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester*

We are enormously grateful to the more than 21,000 donors who committed \$6,507,741 to the 2021-2022 CMA. The gifts contributed through fundraising covered 97% of the \$6.725 million allocated for the Diocese of Rochester's \$11 million budget. Through your support, you have made it possible for the Diocese and your parish to continue the mission of our Church. Thank you for making a difference!

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Seminarians And Priests

1 priest was ordained, with 4 seminarians continuing their education in the Fall

7



Deacons

7 men participated in the Permanent Diaconate program, with 3 ordained in May 2022

259



Hands of Christ Awards

High school seniors received the Hands of Christ award over 3 ceremonies acknowledging their ministry and leadership

1,000



Confirmations

Over 19 celebrations

14,099



Parish Religious Education Youth

Through parish-based programs

2,663



Catholic School Students

Educated in diocesan Catholic schools, with another 3,071 enrolled in private (non-diocesan) Catholic schools

250,000



Catholic Charities

People assisted by our Catholic Charities agencies throughout the 12 counties of the Diocese

The final accounting for CMA 2021-2022 will be available for review in November at www.dor.org/about/financial-reports

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with abuse.

CMA 2021-2022 Highlights

Information Technology

- Changes to parish networks to reduce administrative costs and reliance on on-premise equipment, increasing cloud presence and enhancing disaster recovery
- Implemented cloud-based phone systems for parishes and Catholic Charities agencies
- Met new equipment demand by overcoming IT supply chain issues with centralized purchasing modifications
- Assisted Catholic Charities agencies in consolidating technology resulting from agency mergers
- Implemented Multifactor Authentication for remote connections and cybersecurity protections, increasing cyber safety across networks
- Continued support of cybersecurity software platforms (e.g., CrowdStrike) to protect parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies against data breaches
- Supported schools in the deployment of technology purchases and maintenance, including the *iReady* platform

Seminarian, Deacon & Pastoral Leader Education, Ministry and Support

- Educated 5 seminarians at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA and the Pontifical North American College in Rome
- Educated 7 men in the Diaconate program at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

Pastoral Services

- Opened the Tepeyac Welcoming Migrant Center in Leicester to respond to the needs of Hispanic migrants in Livingston County
- Organized and fostered the listening and consultation process for the Synod of Bishops within the Diocese of Rochester
- Provided support to Campus Ministry programs at college campuses throughout the Diocese
- Advocacy and education through the Office of Life Issues

- Offered connections in our communities through ecumenical and interfaith ministries
- Supported parishes through transitions, including an online parish directory of offerings, weekly Mass data, demographic reports, change management resources, and pastoral council resources

Evangelization & Catechesis

- Supported regional Confirmations at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester; All Saints, Corning; St. Mary's, Auburn; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; and St. Mary's, Elmira
- Organized Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
- Coordinated the Wedding Recognition Mass, with more than 60 couples celebrating 1-72 years of marriage; gathered information for the Catholic Courier's Wedding Jubilee Edition
- Supported 247 couples preparing for marriage through online pre-cana
- Organized Hands of Christ Award Ceremonies recognizing 259 faith-filled graduating high school seniors
- Coordinated a Day of Reflection for scouts at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Facilitation of a conversation, in conjunction with the Catholic Courier, with young adults for the Synod of Bishops
- Hosted a kickoff gathering and Mass for 145 high school youth and chaperones participating locally in the 2021 National Catholic Youth Conference
- Launched diocesan website with resources and information for the National Eucharistic Revival
- Assisted ministry professionals in completing the Parish Catechetical Leader Certification Program
- Hosted formation sessions for parish catechetical leaders and catechists to gain new knowledge and skills for their ministries

Catholic Schools

- Continued implementation of iReady, a computer-based tool for teachers and students to supplement Math and Reading lessons
- Addition of a New Teacher Coach to work with teachers in our schools on Catholic identity, classroom management, and instruction to provide a successful first-year in the classroom
- Provided professional development and educational opportunities to support teachers and staff

**Thank you for your support,
which makes all this and more possible!**