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Annual Appeal tops halfway mark

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Bishop Matthew H. Clark today announced that the 2005-06 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (TGA) has topped the halfway mark.

- More than \$2.8 million has been raised toward the goal of \$5.3 million.
- Approximately 90 faith communities have raised at least 50% of their parish goals.
- More than 24,000 Catholic households have contributed.

“Roman Catholics in our diocese continue to show tremendous generosity and I am very grateful to those who have helped their parishes and our many ministries in this campaign,” Bishop Clark said. “I encourage all those considering giving a gift to do so with the knowledge that they have helped feed our poor, educate our youth, encourage vocations, fortified families and strengthened our parishes. Reaching out, sharing our time, talent and treasure -- this is what being Catholic is all about.”

Contributions to the appeal enable the diocese to provide critical support to parishes, including training and support for catechetical leaders, youth ministry opportunities, migrant ministry, grants to inner city parishes, and support for the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. The fund also provides resources for the pastoral planning process, which enables Catholic faith communities throughout 12 counties to face common challenges and maintain vitality in an era of declining clergy and resources.

In addition, the appeal benefits Catholic Charities, which provides outreach to the poor and needy through regional offices located throughout the diocese. As well, the appeal delivers support to the diocesan Catholic Schools, by helping to fund administrative services for Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

If you wish to contribute, visit the diocesan website at www.dor.org, or call the Office of Stewardship, Development and Communications at 585-328-3228, ext. 1297.