



Together We Bring Hope



...and Hope does not disappoint

2025-2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal | Impact Report

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is with joy and humble gratitude that I write to thank you for your generous financial support of the 2025-2026 **Catholic Ministries Appeal** (CMA). You have joined with 19,000 of our brothers and sisters from around our diocese to contribute more than \$7.6 million to help our Diocese and parish communities, achieving 109% of the \$7,125,000 CMA goal. What an incredible achievement!

In the first months as Bishop of Rochester, since my installation on March 19, 2026, I have travelled over 11,000 miles to visit the various parishes, schools, universities, and many ministries present in the Diocese of Rochester. In these travels, I have learned just how far the money raised by the CMA goes. Your assistance ensures that our Diocese is a vibrant and joyful place that is able to serve families, youth and young adults, the elderly, the sick and infirm, the imprisoned, the poor, and the most vulnerable in our midst. Your generosity supports the education of our seminarians, deacon candidates, and pastoral leaders, who will lead our Church for years to come. You help educate the students in our parishes and Catholic schools ensuring that the next generation comes to know Jesus Christ. The CMA funds more than half of the diocesan operating budget, allowing the Diocese to ensure the strength of our local parishes, supporting our pastors, parochial and pastoral administrators, parish staffs, and vital parish ministries in the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the twelve counties of our Diocese. In short, your support helps ensure that the Church can continue its mission of bringing hope to all people, because with God, all things are possible.

From the depths of my heart, thank you for your generosity to the CMA and thank you for your gracious welcome and support as I begin my time as Bishop of Rochester. Know of my daily prayers for you and I humbly ask that you pray for me.

United in a common mission, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ John S. Bonnici

*The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici
Bishop of Rochester*

Educating Youth and Young Adults in the Catholic Faith

The CMA provides funding for the offices of Evangelization & Catechesis, Catholic Schools, and Pastoral Services to help prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith-centered lives through parish religious education programs, diocesan Catholic schools, campus ministries and Catholic Newman communities, sacramental preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs.



2025-2026 Highlights

- **841** Teen Confirmations
- **215** Adult Confirmations and **160** Adult Baptisms
- **250+** High School seniors received the Hands of Christ Award
- **889** High School students in formation
- **5,029** Elementary students in formation
- **2,010** students enrolled in **14** diocesan/parish schools
- **162** soccer and basketball teams through our CYO Program

Providing Diocesan Services to Parishes and Related Institutions



CMA funding supports parishes, pastors, staff, pastoral councils, finance councils, ministers and chaplains serving the faithful through liturgical, urban, rural, and multicultural programs and ministries; hospital, nursing home and jail chaplaincies; pro-life ministries; and pastoral planning – all provided through the Office of Pastoral Services; as well as support services provided by the Offices of Finance, Human Resources, Facilities Management, Information Technology, Communications, Tribunal, Archives, and Stewardship.

2025-2026 Highlights

- **Pastoral Services** provided resources and supported an awareness campaign regarding opposition in New York State to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) proposal and Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) legislation, both of which weaken legal protections for human life and conscience rights.
- **Information Technology** strengthened cybersecurity efforts, lowered technical risks and improved data oversight, consistency, and accessibility across systems throughout the Diocese of Rochester.
- **Buildings & Properties** assisted **18** Parishes with capital projects.

Serving People in Need Through Catholic Charities

The CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charities to support its work throughout the 12 counties of the Diocese with more than 70 program sites to meet basic needs, advance economic security, pursue housing solutions, strengthen families and children, deliver compassionate mental health and addiction care, support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, welcome immigrants and refugees, and more. Through the CMA, Catholic Charities is able to respond to people across our Diocese who are facing very real and urgent challenges.



Supporting Seminarians, Deacons & Pastoral Leaders



Donations to the CMA support the education, training, and professional development of our seminarians, deacons, and pastoral leaders.

2025-2026 Highlights

- **1** priest ordained and **9** men in Seminary
- **2** Diaconate Ordinations, with **4** men remaining in formation
- The Vocation Awareness Team hosted gatherings throughout the year of men exploring a vocation to priesthood and held individual follow-up meetings with candidates seriously seeking to apply.

Funding the Ministries of our Pope & Bishops

The CMA gives Catholics the opportunity to extend their reach beyond their parish boundaries to support Vatican ministries, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, New York State Catholic Conference, the work and efforts of Bishop Matano and the clerical and lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide decisions.

2025-2026 Highlights

- **The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici** was installed as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.



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