



*Sharing
our
Blessings*



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

A Message from Bishop Matano

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank you for **Sharing Your Blessings** through your generous financial support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). During challenging times, you have joined with more than 24,000 individuals and families to give nearly \$6.3 million in support of the work of the Church. Your assistance through the CMA ensures that our ministries remain vibrant, serving families, youth and young adults, the elderly, the sick and infirm, the incarcerated, the poor, and the most vulnerable in our midst. Funds donated to the CMA are critical to the care and education of our seminarians, deacon candidates and pastoral leaders, Catholic education in our parishes and schools, and services provided by the Diocese in support of parish life and ministry formation. We simply could not accomplish all of this without your enduring support.



I am pleased to present this Annual Report in appreciation for your gifts, while also recognizing our responsibility as stewards of the gifts entrusted to us through the CMA. This report includes information about how CMA donations are allocated to various Diocesan and parish ministries, programs and services.

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

Thank you FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH IN THE CMA

We are grateful to the 24,400 donors who committed \$6,293,770 to the 2018-2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal. This year's total was the second highest amount raised in the appeal's thirty-nine year history. Thank you for sharing your blessings to support the good work of your parish, the Diocese and the Church. The CMA funds more than half of the \$11.9 million budget for the Diocese of Rochester, and is the lifeblood necessary to maintain the vitality of parish and diocesan programs, services and ministries.

2018-2019 CMA ALLOCATIONS

Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes & institutions

26% Life in our parishes and faith communities is at the center of our journey of faith together as Catholics. The CMA provides funding and resources to assist parishes, pastors, staff, Pastoral councils, Finance councils, ministers and chaplains in serving the faithful through Liturgical, Urban, Rural and Multicultural programs and ministries; Hospital and Jail Chaplaincy; Finance, Audit, Human Resource, Building/Property Management, Information Technology, Payroll, Tribunal, Archives, Communications, Stewardship, and Pastoral Planning services.



Serving people in need through Catholic Charities

11% The CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charities to support its 10 regional offices/agencies throughout 12 counties serving the poor, elderly, infirm, and the most vulnerable in our communities.



Educating our young in the Catholic Faith

6% Your generosity through the CMA helps prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith-centered lives through parish religious education programs, Catholic schools, campus ministry, sacramental preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs.



Supporting Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders & Vocations

12% Our diocesan priests, deacons, and pastoral leaders answer the call to serve the Lord and are instrumental in identifying the gifts of the faithful so that together we may all be actively involved in the life of our local Church. Your donations to the CMA support the education and professional development of our seminarians, deacons and pastoral leaders, and also provide funding to promote vocations.



Funding the Ministries of our Pope & Bishops

11% As part of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church spread throughout the world, the Diocese of Rochester is comprised of more than 300,000 Catholics served by 88 parishes. 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 lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide initiatives.



Funding Operations & Support Services

30% The CMA helps to fund operation of diocesan offices/ministries in the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements.

Supporting the CMA Campaign

4% A small portion of funds raised through the CMA are used to develop and execute fundraising efforts associated with the appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and data processing, promotional materials and postage. It costs 4¢ to raise \$1 for the CMA, well below the nonprofit industry average.



What Sharing Your Blessings Accomplished in 2018-2019



Youth Ministry

887 Youth attended retreats, rallies, workshops and conventions throughout the United States.

Catholic Schools

3,253 youth were educated in diocesan Catholic schools, with another 3,342 enrolled private (non-diocesan) Catholic schools.

RCIA Program

165 people from parishes throughout the diocese were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the RCIA program.

Seminarians and Priests

2 priests were ordained and **11** seminarians are continuing their education.

Hands of Christ Awards

482 high school seniors received the Hands of Christ award acknowledging their ministry and leadership.

Deacons

12 men participated in formation, with **3** deacons ordained to the permanent diaconate in May 2019.

Parish Religious Education Programs

10,474 youth received religious education and sacramental preparation through parish-based religious education programs.

Catholic Charities

250,000 people were assisted by one of our 10 Catholic Charities agencies throughout the 12 counties of the Diocese.



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All monies raised in the CMA are restricted funds that may only be used for the programs, services and ministries outlined above. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with sexual abuse.