

Other Highlights of 2024

- The Diocese of Rockville Centre (DRVC) held its 2024 priesthood ordination on June 8, 2024 at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, NY. Bishop Barres presented Fr. Dennis Gannon and Fr. Joseph Lettieri to the people of God, announcing their first assignments as priests.
- The May Eucharistic Pilgrimage brought the Blessed Sacrament in a Monstrance from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge in view of the Statue of Liberty. Many participants from our Diocese joined together to witness the truths of our faith and encourage those who are inactive in their faith to rekindle their love for the Eucharist and the Mass.
- The Diocese of Rockville Centre has partnered with the *Franciscan at Home Catechetical Institute* in order to provide formational opportunities via virtual learning.
- During the past year, Catholic Charities increased the number of clients served by 12.6%.
- In June 2024. Four Dominican friars were assigned to create a new Dominican community at St. Barnabas the Apostle parish, the first community of Dominican friars in our diocese.

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*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Thank you for your unwavering support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Your donations truly make a difference. We, along with those you read about today, extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity.

100% of every dollar raised was restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. No donations have been used to fund the bankruptcy settlement.





Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. You help to bring the love and presence of Jesus to more than 600,000 people each year.

Your gifts help to revitalize the lives of missionary disciples by supporting the education of our seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders as they prepare to serve in our diocese and local parish communities. You help us to bring the faith to our young people in religious education classes and those participating in Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministry and programs such as Camp Quo Vadis.

Your gifts bring hope and love to so many through our Parish Outreach Programs, Catholic Charities pastoral programs, and Respect Life initiatives. You are so important to the ministries supported by this Appeal.

Thank you for participating in the mission of the Church. I keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
+ John O. Barres
Bishop John O. Barres



Ordained by Bishop Barres on June 8th, Father Dennis Gannon, now serves the people of God at the parish of Saints Philip and James in St. James.

Father Gannon grew up as a parishioner of St. Aidan's parish in Williston Park and is a graduate of Holy Child Academy, Chaminade and St. John's University.

Fr. Gannon started his path to the priesthood by going to the Holy Hours at St. Ignatius in Hicksville, and at retreats at the seminary in Huntington.

At our Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and at the St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, the walls are filled with the Ordination Class portraits of all the priests who have been formed at these seminaries and who have served in our Diocese and you have helped to make that possible.

With your continued prayers and support, we will have a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood on Long Island and the universal Church.



Last year, Maria Ryan, Director of the Parish Social Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, introduced us to Sara and her daughter, Belle.

Shortly after their family moved into the area, their daughter Belle was diagnosed with cancer.

This year we were able to speak with Sara, who shared their family's experience with their Parish Social Ministry and how their spiritual life continues to grow despite difficult and emotionally draining times.

Belle is now 6 years old. She was in remission for a time, but the cancer returned and in September, Belle underwent a partial amputation. It was a hard road to travel and due to complications, Belle needed two more surgeries. Belle is very resilient. She attends school and faith formation classes and is upset if she misses any class time. She doesn't let her prosthetic hold her back from the simple pleasure of childhood.

Through these challenging times for the family, their parish, the good works of the PSM and their prayer life nourish and sustain them. Sara has shared that there are times when she knows that Belle does not feel well, but Belle still is adamant that she wants to attend Mass and the parish welcomes them with open arms. Sara is always happy to hear that our faithful community has included Belle and her family in their prayers. Please take the time to add this family to your prayer list.



Established by Bishop Barres, Camp Quo Vadis held its 8th annual event at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington.

The Camp helps young people build a relationship with God, to understand and learn where they are going and where God is calling them to go. Many have heard the call to a vocation to the priesthood or other religious life. Others are reminded to carry their faith throughout their married, work and daily life.

"I heard about the mission of the program – to bring young people closer to the Lord. There is such a need for this. Faith for young people today can seem so counter-cultural. To see so many young people coming together all for Jesus Christ – emboldens them and puts their Faith on fire."

– Felicia Viscusi, Camp Counselor

"I decided to attend Camp Quo Vadis to learn more about my faith, to connect with God and to be around my peers who have the same faith as me."

– Nick