



Sent on Mission – Go Forth and Bring the Gospel Message to the World

“God’s love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the word in body as well as spirit.”

-Pope Francis



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*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*





CMA Prayer 2025

O loving God, we ask that as we begin our journey through this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, We may recognize our missionary call.

You call us, as Catholics, to spread Your Love and Gospel to all we meet. Revitalize our faith, Lord, and give us the courage and wisdom to revitalize the Faith in others.

Lord, guide us on our mission. We desire to please you and build up your kingdom on our Island.

Help us, Lord, to do what we can to help our brothers and sisters carry their crosses. May our participation in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal be an opportunity to grow closer to You.

Bless all those who make a sacrifice and give a gift to help others.

Bless all those who are served by the programs made possible through this Appeal.

Comfort the needy, give wisdom to our seminarians and strengthen the faith of our youth. May this Appeal be the catalyst to do something greater in Your Name.

Amen

Dear Friends,

The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. The final phase Going out on Mission - for the life of the World can be the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

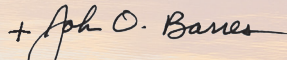
Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another. It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity.

Every year, the annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love. By serving the Lord with gladness, we can see the impact it has on so many lives, including our own. The ministries that rely on the Appeal are wide-ranging and have a direct impact on the Church and people of God throughout the Diocese.

I personally invite you to continue this mission by joining me in making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we will embrace our apostolic roots and show the world how beautiful it is to be Catholic!

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ


Bishop John O. Barres





Sent on Mission – Keeping the Fire Burning in Our Young People

Camp Quo Vadis helps youth and young adults develop their faith and grow in wisdom and confidence to proclaim the Gospel. Participants are encouraged to share the love they feel for the Eucharist with others in their communities.

“This is my first time attending Camp Quo Vadis. Everyone needs to spend time to fall deeper in love with Christ and know Him better. I welcome the chance to come here to do that.”

– Camp Participant

“It’s a great joy to be present here with our young Catholics - to see where the Lord is working in their lives, while helping them to discern and determine their relationship with the Lord and where the Lord is calling them to go.”

*– Reverend John Crozier
DRVC Vocations Director*

Sent on Mission – Answering God's Call to the Priesthood

God calls us to mission in many ways. Fr. Joseph Lettieri heard the call to the priesthood early on and his calling grew in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. Ordained in 2024, Fr. Lettieri serves as an Associate Pastor at St. Dominic in Oyster Bay.

"My principal goal as a priest in our diocese is the salvation of souls. To lead the people of God on their way to heaven – to bring them closer to the Lord and ultimately to eternal life.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is so important to the life of our Catholic community. Giving to the Appeal cements the future of our Diocese with good priests and good formation as well as many other important ministries for the life of the Church on Long Island."





Sent on Mission – to Show Love and Care for Others

As Catholics, we are encouraged to open our hearts to others, especially those in need. Catholic Charities Talbot House shares the Light of Christ with those they serve by helping them break the chains of substance abuse and addiction.

“Talbot House took me in when I was at my lowest and gave me the help I needed to start over.”

– John, Client

“I fondly refer to Talbot House as a little piece of holy ground in Bohemia. The clients come here broken and struggling mentally, physically, and spiritually and then I see miracles as we plant the seeds of hope in the darkness of their addiction and give them the tools they need to get them back on their feet.”

– Toni DeFelice, Program Coordinator

Sent on Mission – to Respond to God's Call to Serve Others

Inspired by the love Jesus shows us by offering himself to us in the Eucharist, we send that love to others. Our Parish Social Ministry Programs (PSM) work tirelessly to answer God's call of service.

“Working in Parish Social Ministry renews my faith when I witness the volunteers bringing God's love to the clients, who may have lost that love in themselves. We are letting them know that there is hope in the world and God is there for them.”

– Kerri Ostrow, Director of PSM
St. Patrick, Bay Shore

“Thank God for St. Patrick's...they give the homeless and people a place to go, a spiritual release, a safe place to talk to people, to have good conversation, and you don't have to worry about anyone bothering you.”

– Client, St. Patrick Outreach



Council of Stewards



Founder \$50,000+ Society of St. Agnes

This society level represents the work of St. Agnes, patroness of our Diocese. St. Agnes was a courageous young girl who, despite constant threats of death and torture, refused to give up her faith and was martyred at the age of 12. As a Founder, your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal strengthens the celebration of the Catholic faith throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. A gift of this magnitude will allow the Diocese of Rockville Centre to plan for the future and empower the next generation to grow in the love of Jesus, a love St. Agnes was willing to lay down her life for.



Herald Angel \$25,000-\$49,999 Society of St. Dominic

In Scripture, angels announce good tidings and deliver messages of God's plan for salvation. In a similar way, St. Dominic valued preaching the Gospel and educating others on the teachings of the Church. He eventually founded the Dominican Order, which was comprised of men and women who devoted their lives to preaching and teaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls. As a Herald Angel Steward, our diocese celebrates your commitment to supporting the Church in delivering God's plan for salvation and your investment in the various charities and ministries that tend to the spiritual, educational, and physical needs of the communities in our diocese.



Guardian \$10,000-\$24,999 Society of St. Vincent DePaul

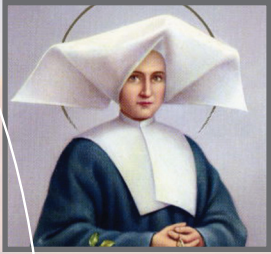
Throughout Scripture we read of God promising to guard us and calling us to emulate him in guarding ourselves and others from evil: *"The Lord will guard you from all evil; He will guard your soul"* (Psalm 121:7). St. Vincent DePaul, Patron Saint of charitable societies, was dedicated to guarding and protecting the poor. In time, he founded the orders of the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity. As a Guardian, you too can embrace St. Vincent's spirit of charitable giving and support the Diocese of Rockville Centre in guarding all people from hardship and ministering to the needs of the Body of Christ.



Steward \$5,000-\$9,999 Society of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Stewardship, and the importance of responsible stewardship, is a repetitive theme throughout Scripture. As St. Peter writes, *"each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10). St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was particularly mindful of the responsibility to be a good steward of all that God had entrusted to her and encouraged others to do same. In 1809, Elizabeth founded the Sisters of Charity, the first American congregation of religious Sisters. The order focuses on education and tending to the needs of children and the poor. As a Steward, you follow St. Elizabeth's example of responsible stewardship as you partner with us in responding to the needs of the poor and spreading the joy of the Gospel.

Leadership Patrons



Advocate \$2,500-\$4,999 Society of St. Catherine Laboure

The Church uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress when speaking of Mary, Mother of God. These titles, particularly Advocate, help us to understand Mary's special relationship to us, her children. She longs to advocate on our behalf and lead us closer to her Son. St. Catherine Laboure, who was a member of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent DePaul, had a deep devotion to Mary. In a vision, Mary appeared to St. Catherine and gave her instructions for the Miraculous Medal, a medal many Catholics wear today as a sign of their devotion to our Holy Mother. As an Advocate, you, like St. Catherine Laboure, lead all people closer to the heart of Mary's beloved Son, Jesus, by funding important ministries that advocate for others' spiritual and physical well-being.



Witness \$1,500-\$2,499 Society of St. John Neumann

As disciples of Christ, we are called to bear witness to his life and the joy of the Gospel. Indeed, we are called to "be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard" (Acts 22:15). The Saints are our greatest cloud of witnesses; they inspire us and urge us on to heaven. St. John Neumann, the first male canonized saint from the United States, was known for his witness to the Gospel, his pastoral work, and his care of immigrant communities. As a Witness, you, like St. John Neumann, understand the importance of sustaining and growing vibrant, life-giving communities of faith within the diocese.



Evangelizer \$750-\$1,499 Society of St. John Vianney

Jesus commands His disciples, and in turn each of us, to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This is the task of the evangelist, to lead others to encounter Jesus, His Church, and His teachings. St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, was an incredible evangelist and is remembered especially for his devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He would spend 12-16 hours a day in the confessional listening to the confessions of his parishioners. As an Evangelist, you, like St. John Vianney, evangelize others by generously supporting the daily functioning of our 133 parishes so that our parishioners can always receive the grace of the sacraments and hear the Gospel message.

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash – Checks should be made payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, and you can pledge your gift over ten months.

Credit Card – We accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa. Simply provide your credit card information on your pledge card/envelope or give online at www.drvc.org/donate/cma/.

Matching Gifts – Go to <https://www.drvc.org/matching-gifts/> to see if your employer will match the charitable contributions of employees.

IRA Charitable Rollover – If you are at least 70½ years old on the date you make your gift and your IRA is a traditional or Roth, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to charity – without incurring income taxes today or estate tax in the future.

Gift of Securities – Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

Donor Advised Funds – You can recommend a gift to the CMA through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF).

For more information on any of the **Ways to Give**, please call the CMA office at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is conducted on a calendar-year basis. Amounts received under the Appeal are time-restricted for the next fiscal year.

