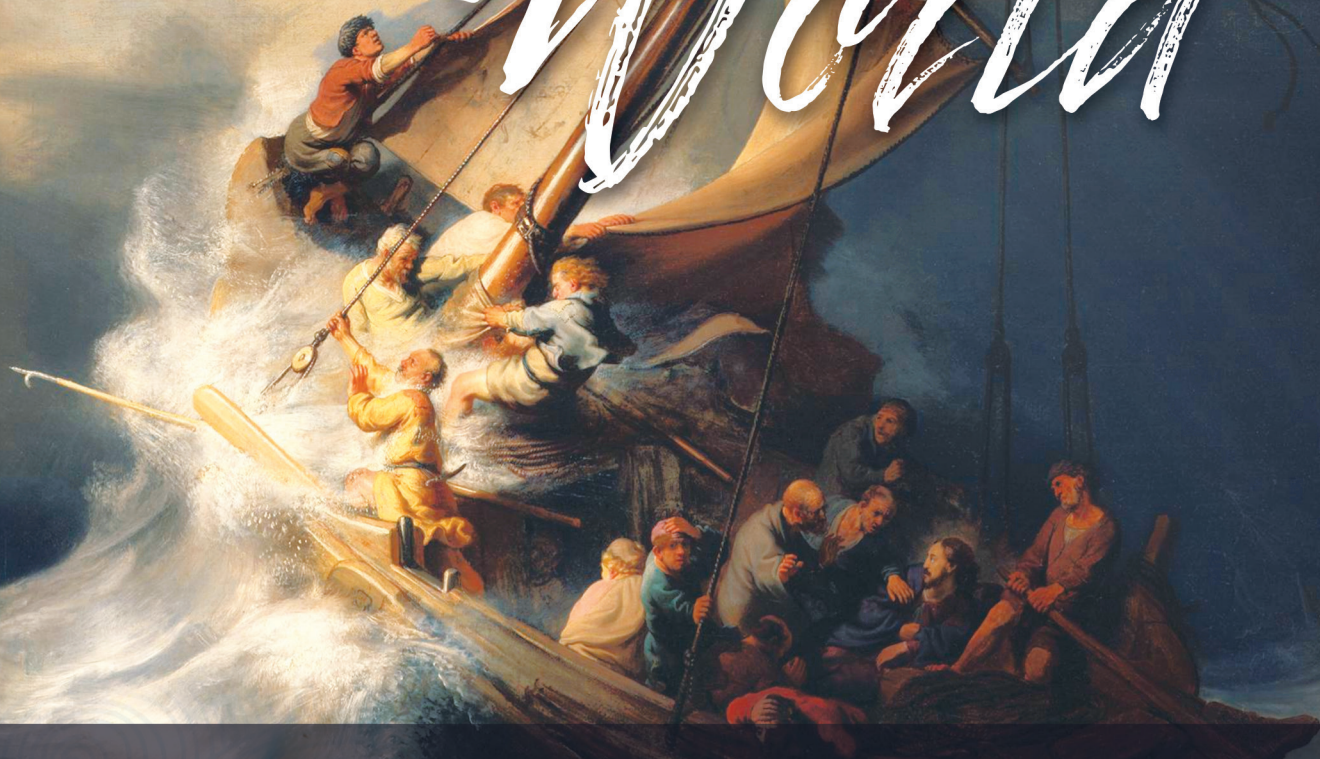


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Our Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal generates funding for the ministries and services benefiting every Catholic in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

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2024
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Dear Friends,

Since becoming your bishop in July of 2022, I have experienced your warm hospitality in a multitude of ways, and am encouraged by your witness to living out the Gospel.

In our worship of God and service to the poor, we are called to exemplify Jesus' words, "You Are the Light of the World." As a diocese, we have many opportunities to bring the light of Christ to others and our world. Last June, our Eucharistic Congress in Mankato was an amazing gathering of 5,000 faithful who share a deep devotion to Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. It is only when we are rooted in Christ's Body by participation in the sacraments that we can truly be the light of the world.

Like the bread and wine that are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Mass, God invites us to a personal transformation so we can be the light of Christ to our world. Central to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are the ministries of our Church that bring the Light of Christ to those in need, and share the knowledge of His saving love. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides for those diocesan ministries that serve and support all parishes in the 20 counties across southern Minnesota.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal includes funding for young men discerning the priesthood for our Diocese, support for students in our Catholic Schools, and assistance for the Newman Centers at Winona State University and Minnesota State University, Mankato. The impact of these and other services is infinite.

As your shepherd, I ask that you prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to be the light for others through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ says, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40).

May God bless you and your families, and may He bless the work of our local Church.

Peace be with you,

Most Rev. Robert Barron | Diocese of Winona-Rochester



Year At A Glance

18 Adults Baptised
Adultos bautizadas

87 Adults Received into Full Communion
Adultos recibidos en Comunion Plena



68 Active Priests
Sacerdotes activos

34 Senior Priests
Sacerdotes mayores



219 Couples in the Diocese Celebrated Marriage

Parejas en la Diócesis Matrimonio celebrado



114,255 Catholics Living in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester

Católicos viven en la diócesis de Winona-Rochester



3,949 Students in Diocesan Catholic Schools

Estudiantes en lass escuelas católicas diocesanas



1,166 Infant Baptisms

Bautismos Infantiles



What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the parishes, Catholic schools, Newman Centers, Catholic Charities and programs, and departments of the diocesan church.

Why do we need these ministries?

The Catholic Church serves the needs of many people across Southern Minnesota. While some of these services are offered at the parish level, it is often more effective when many join together in ministry and service to the people of the diocese. Each diocesan ministry exists to support the work of our local parishes.

What should I give?

A Gift of Prayer

A Gift of Prayer - Pray for the Church, for our diocesan family, and for all people who support or are supported by the CMA.

Time and Talent

Volunteer in your parish, school, community and in diocesan ministries.

A Sacrificial Gift

Consider making a pledge or one-time financial gift. Please continue working toward your Stewardship Commitment of 10%.

If you're a Catholic in the **Diocese of Winona-Rochester**, our Catholic Ministries Appeal benefits you!



How does your gift serve others?

2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal
\$2,000,000



- Education & Youth **48%**
- Parish Services & Outreach **22%**
- Community Service **7%**
- Evangelization & Mission Advancement **18%**
- Clergy Services **5%**

How much should I give?

You can estimate your giving percentage based on your yearly income.

Yearly Income	3% gift per year	2% gift per year	1% gift per year
\$40,000	\$1,200	\$800	\$400
\$60,000	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$600
\$80,000	\$2,400	\$1,600	\$800
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000



Education & Youth

Youth & Young Adults

Focusing on opportunities for young people across the diocese so they can grow closer to Christ.

Catholic Schools

Providing quality education in diverse settings, while building community and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all Catholic schools across the diocese.

Life, Marriage, and Family

Supporting the growth and development of married and family life by offering a range of activities, retreats, and conferences that foster love of Christ and one another.

Lay Formation and RCIA

Supporting men and women living out their Christian vocation through education, prayer, reflection, and discernment.

Faith Formation

Seeking to form disciples by inviting those in the diocese to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Vocations

Assisting men and women who are discerning God's plan for their life.

Evangelization & Mission Advancement

Courier

Keeping diocesan parishioners informed of local, national, and global news that affects their church. Diocesan directors are regular contributors each month.

TV Mass, Social Media, and Website

Meeting people with the Word of God where they're at, be it on a computer, a Smartphone, or a television. TV Mass is broadcast weekly, and social media and the website provide information of interest.

Newman Centers—Winona and Mankato

Helping university students encounter Christ through a variety of activities at the two public university campuses within the diocese.

Community Service

Catholic Charities Social Action

Providing service to people in need and advocating for justice in social circles. Staff and volunteers serve more than 6,400 people a year, including families in crisis, seniors, refugees, and the poor.

Parish Services & Outreach

Parish Financial Services

Full-time diocesan staff are available daily to support parishes with accounting, benefits, and human resources needs.

Cemeteries

Providing resources, support, and training for those who work in Catholic cemeteries throughout the diocese.

Divine Worship

Bringing our bishop and parishioners together to celebrate God's goodness through the Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, Ordinations, and other sacred rituals of the Church.

Hispanic Ministry

There are currently 12 parishes in the diocese that offer Spanish Masses. Youth Hispanic Ministry has seen record growth and engagement in the last few years.

Clergy Services

Care for Priests

Underwrites the costs of programs related to the ongoing intellectual, spiritual, human, and pastoral formation of priests.

Hispanic Chaplaincy

Providing support for Hispanic priests so they can provide programs specific to more than 21,000 Hispanic individuals across the diocese.



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