

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

During this past year, we have experienced exceptional challenges to our lives and communities. However, despite the struggles we may have faced individually or communally, Jesus Christ continues to be present to us, in and through His Church. The Church’s mission of sharing the Gospel has not changed, and through the Eucharist Christ strengthens us and sends us forth to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all those we encounter.

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, 17 men from our diocese are currently discerning and studying for the priesthood, more than 5,120 children in our Catholic schools are being formed in lives of faith and virtue, and hundreds of college students are receiving formation as disciples of Christ, with the help of Newman Centers and FOCUS missionaries. The Catholic Ministries Appeal also provides life-long faith formation for adults; resources to strengthen marriages and families and defend human life from conception to natural death; outreach to the poor; and multimedia communications that include TV Mass and the Courier newspaper.

I am grateful for your continued generosity and lives of faith, as we work together to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal and assure you that the funds raised for the Catholic Ministries Appeal are donor-restricted and will not be used to cover legal fees for the diocese. It is through the Catholic Ministries Appeal that the Church is able to [Share the Light of Hope](#).

Thank you in advance for your generosity – blessed are you!
Sincerely in Christ,

+ *John M. Quinn*
Most Reverend John M. Quinn
Bishop of Winona-Rochester

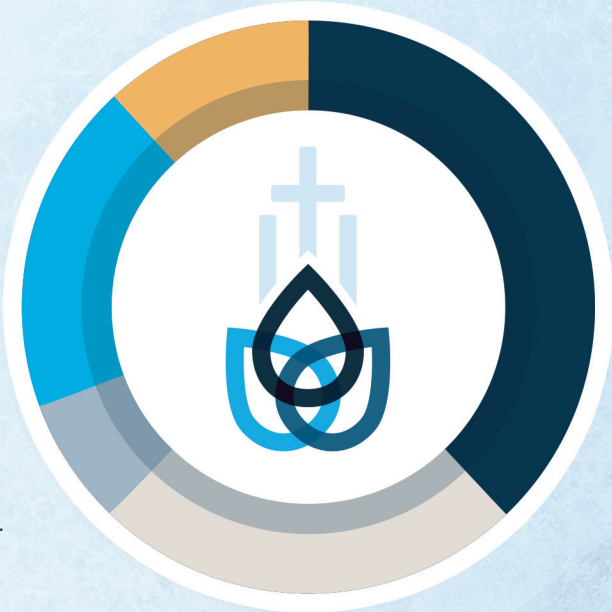
How does your gift serve others?

- Education & Youth **38%**
- Evangelization & Mission Advancement **24%**
- Community Service **7%**
- Parish Services & Outreach **19%**
- Clergy Services **12%**

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
\$20,000.....	\$600.....	\$400.....	\$200
\$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

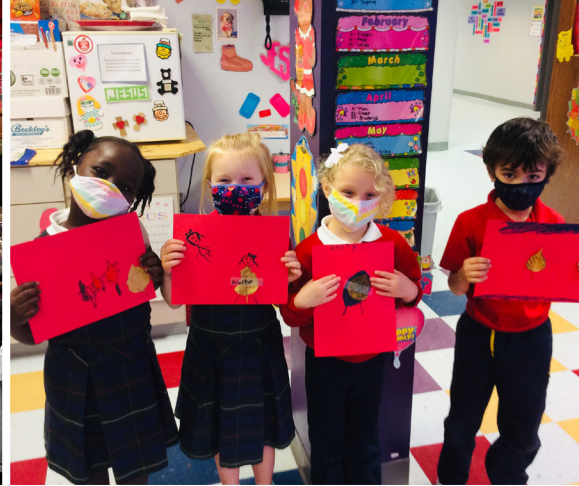


\$1,975,000

2021 Catholic Ministries
Appeal Goal

SHARE THE
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What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in parishes, Catholic schools, Newman Centers and countless programs and ministries of the diocesan church. This brochure explains some of the ministries funded by the CMA, as well as the impact of your support.

Why do we need these ministries?

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

Education & Youth

Youth & Young Adults

There are countless opportunities available to youth across the Diocese. Camp Summit grew from 60 youth in 2012 to more than 325 in 2019. Each summer the Totus Tuus program inspires in youth a true longing for holiness and an openness to their vocation. The most recent Totus Tuus program served 19 cluster parishes and hundreds of children.

Catholic Schools

The Catholic schools in the diocese consists of 17 elementary, 10 middle/junior high and 4 high schools throughout southern Minnesota with a total enrollment of more than 5,120 students. The office provides professional development opportunities, particularly in the areas of faith and curriculum.

Life, Marriage, Family

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Married Couples Retreat, Retrouvaille, Marriage Anniversary Mass, Men's and Women's Conferences, Respect Life and March for Life are all made available through donations made to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Lay Formation and RCIA

The diocese assists parishes in welcoming new Catholics coming into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). At the 2019 Easter Vigil, 150 adults were welcomed into the church.

Faith Formation

The Office of Faith Formation seeks to evangelize, catechize and form disciples throughout southern Minnesota by helping those within the diocese to respond to Pope Francis' invitation "to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least openness to letting Him encounter them".

Vocations

Young men and women who are discerning God's plan in their life receive support and information about their vocation and how to follow God's plan. In the diocese, over 45 young men and women are active in discernment groups and near 90 people have contacted the Vocations Office about discernment to the priesthood or religious life. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester currently has 17 seminarians actively discerning their vocation.

Evangelization & Mission Advancement

Courier

The Courier is the official newspaper of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and is sent monthly to each parish for distribution. Home delivery is also available to parishioners.

TV Mass

An invaluable means of communication for those who are homebound. TV Mass is available on 6 TV channels, covering practically every part of the Diocese.

Newman Centers

St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center (Winona) serves almost 8,000 Winona State University students, by helping students encounter Jesus through the Holy Mass, bible studies and mentoring.

St. Thomas More Newman Center (Mankato) serves 12,000 students. Annually, more than 230 students are involved in bible studies and 120 students attend Mass weekly.

What should I give?

A Gift of Prayer

Pray for the Church, for our diocesan family and for all people who support or are supported by the

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 consider working toward your Stewardship Commitment of 10%; designating 5% to your parish, 1% to the diocese, and 4% of annual income to other charities.

Community Service

Catholic Charities

Parish Social Ministry is a Catholic Charities program that provides leadership and service to the people and institutions of the Diocese. It acts to bring the church's social mission to life.

Parish Services & Outreach

Parish Support Services

Parish support services improves the knowledge base and training for all parish personnel with administering the temporal goods of the church.

Cemeteries

There are more than 114 cemeteries in the diocese and the CMA provides resources, support and training to the many volunteers and staff that work in the parish cemeteries throughout the Diocese.

Hispanic Ministry

There are currently 12 parishes in the diocese that offer Spanish Masses. Youth Hispanic Ministry at Queen of Angels—Austin, increased from 45 to 250 children in the last four years.

Clergy Services

Permanent Diaconate

The permanent deacon assists at the celebration of Mass and is able to preside over baptisms and marriages outside of Mass. The permanent deacon is often the leader and parish organizer of the parish's activities in social justice and outreach. In August 2020, 11 men were ordained as deacons for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

To make a gift online, please go to
[www.catholicfsmn.org/
catholic-ministries-appeal](http://www.catholicfsmn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal)