

## Prayers of the Faithful

The Catholic Ministries Appeal, in addition to meeting the financial needs of programs and services across southern Minnesota, calls on others to actively practice their faith. Prayer, therefore, plays a key role in conversion of heart that leads people to give generously in service to others.

The following petitions are suggested to be used either for Announcement Weekend, the weekend before your In-Pew or spread out one a week starting Announcement Weekend (February 13-14) – as an opportunity to reflect on the case elements of the appeal and the breadth of the diocesan family and the services they depend upon.

- ❖ Week 1 (Kick-Off Weekend) – We pray for the success of the Catholic Ministries Appeal in our parish and diocese this year, that the Holy Spirit may move us in faith to unite our prayers with our financial support to do the good works of Christ to feed the hungry, educate the young, welcome the stranger and increase vocations to the priesthood so that the Eucharist may always be celebrated for God’s people, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 2 –For our faith community, that God’s love inspire us to grow in faith and do the good works of our Father throughout the Diocese, as we support the ministries and services funded by the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 3 – That as we participate in the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal to *Share the Light of Hope*, we give thanks to our God for His gifts and many promises, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 4 – That we will see the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal as an opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in the parish and throughout our Diocese as Christian stewards to build communities of faith and good works, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 5 – For those without a home, the hungry, and individuals and families in need around our Diocese, that their needs may continue to be met through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal programs and services, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 6 – For our seminarians studying for the priesthood, and those preparing for the permanent diaconate: That by our support to the 2021 Catholic ministries Appeal allow them to persevere in their studies and, God willing, come one day to the altar of the Lord as humble shepherds and servants after the Heart of Christ, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 7 – That we may respond generously to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal as faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us... We pray to the Lord.
- ❖ Week 8 – For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the support to the seminarians of our diocese, that by the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal they may continue to prepare for a lifetime of service in the Church, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Week 9 – For the children in our diocese, that we as a church may continue to educate the next generation in our faith and good works through sustainable Catholic Schools and enriching parish religious education programs; may we continue to remember our responsibility to teach and pass on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **we pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ (When you see fit) – In thanksgiving for the people’s generous support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal ensuring that these vital ministries continue to Share the Light of Hope with All in our diocese, **we pray to the Lord.**