

WE ARE SALT & LIGHT

Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

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It is a great time to be Catholic in the Diocese of St. Petersburg! Our diocesan family is a joyful community of disciples, proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Through our active participation in our parishes and larger Church ministries and outreach, we are truly salt of the earth and light to the world. Here is closer look...

- ✓ We have more than **50** pastoral ministries and services dedicated to strengthening the lives of the **487,000** Catholics living within our five-county area.
- ✓ We have **74** parishes and **4** missions, celebrating Mass in **11** languages.
- ✓ Our faith life is nurtured by our **282** priests, **123** deacons and **157** women and men in religious orders.
- ✓ We support the formation and education of **16** men dedicating themselves to the priesthood, and **12** in formation for permanent diaconate service.
- ✓ We have **75** laypersons in ministry training through the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute and Southeast Pastoral Institute.
- ✓ Our network of Catholic Charities social service, health care and housing agencies **touch thousands** every year.
- ✓ Our **48** Catholic schools and early childhood centers provide our **3,439** Catholic high school and **9,179** elementary and early childhood center students an education grounded in Gospel values.
- ✓ More than **16,589** children and young adults participate in religious education and formation instruction in our parishes.
- ✓ We have nurtured **3,710** Baptisms, **4,010** First Communions, **3,457** Confirmations, **354** received into full Communion, **845** marriages, and **2,971** Funerals.

Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal supports your AMAZING Catholic family, and generously and courageously helps us live the Gospel. Learn more at www.dosp.org.