

# Hope IN THE Lord

2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal | Diocese of St. Petersburg  
Issue 2



## One Gift Can Impact Thousands

We have more than **50** pastoral ministries and services dedicated to strengthening the lives of the **303,000** Catholics living within our five-county area. Through our active participation in our parish and larger Church ministries and outreach, we bring hope to those seeking the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the Annual Pastoral Appeal can truly impact thousands. Together, we support:



**74** parishes &  
**4** missions

celebrating Mass in-person and many also hosting virtual liturgies to accommodate their parishioners remaining at home



**76** parish staff &  
lay leaders

receiving training through a virtual RCIA Institute hosted by the Office of Worship this past fall

## A Closer Look at Campus Ministry

Outreach at the USF Catholic Student Center has become a blend of both in-person and virtual fellowship to support students. The enthusiastic participation speaks for itself:

**+ 3 in-person freshman welcome events** were held this past summer  
**+ 12 small groups** meet weekly for in-person and virtual Bible study



**+ 10 students** attended a missionary leadership conference prior to classes starting  
**+ The new Post Graduate Ministry** kicked-off with **40 members** joining in weekly Bible study, group community on Facebook, Rosary & Happy Hour and quarterly fellowship.  
**+ The 2nd annual Welcome Home Weekend** saw **100+ students, families, alumni and parishioners**



And these are just **SOME** of the amazing efforts taking place at USF. For more information visit <https://www.catholicusf.org/>



reaching more  
than  
**200,000**

through digital communication, social media, uplifting videos and spiritual programming at Spirit FM 90.5

Formation and Sacramental Prep in all of our parishes and missions for:

**3,710** Baptisms

**4,010** First Communions

**3,457** Confirmations

**354** received into full Communion

**845** marriages

**2,971** funerals



**128** active deacons,  
**12** men in formation  
& **12** in Discernment

dedicated to nurturing our faith life within our parishes

These are only a few of the ways our diocesan ministries make an impact thanks to your gifts to APA. To learn more, visit [www.dosp.org/2021ministryupdate](http://www.dosp.org/2021ministryupdate).



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