



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2021





*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity,  
which through us produces thanksgiving to God...*

2 Corinthians 9:11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the many ways each of you share your gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The generosity that you have shown through your support of our ministry and services here in the Diocese of St. Petersburg has enriched lives, served thousands, and truly helped bring others into relationship with Christ.

As a commitment to accountability and transparency, and in thanksgiving for your stewardship, we have prepared this annual report for 2021. It includes the 2020-2021 Pastoral Center Summary of Operations. It also features the impact of those who serve with me here at the Pastoral Center and throughout our five-county area, along with special recognition of the members of our *Mater Dei* Giving Society.

We have some big changes coming in 2022, but I know with the dedication and support of our people, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will successfully fulfill our mission to courageously live the Gospel!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes  
Bishop of St. Petersburg

## OUR COMMITMENT

Our diocesan ministries, education and outreach programs offer support, professional guidance and direct delivery of services to and for our people, parishes, schools and communities. Together, we serve millions across our five-county diocese each year, not just Catholics. And we know all work we do is made possible with the support and generosity of our donors.

As stewards of these gifts, we are committed to transparency to those who make our ministry possible. Therefore, the 2021 Annual Report includes not only a comprehensive overview of the 2020-2021 revenues and operational expenses associated with our traditional diocesan ministry and service areas, but also comparative year over year information and impact reporting.

In addition to the financial information provided in this report, our diocese is subject to annual financial statement



audits, performed by independent Certified Public Accountants. For any who wish to review the 2021 audited financial statements, please visit [www.dosp.org/stewardship/2021-annual-report](http://www.dosp.org/stewardship/2021-annual-report).

## CONTACT US

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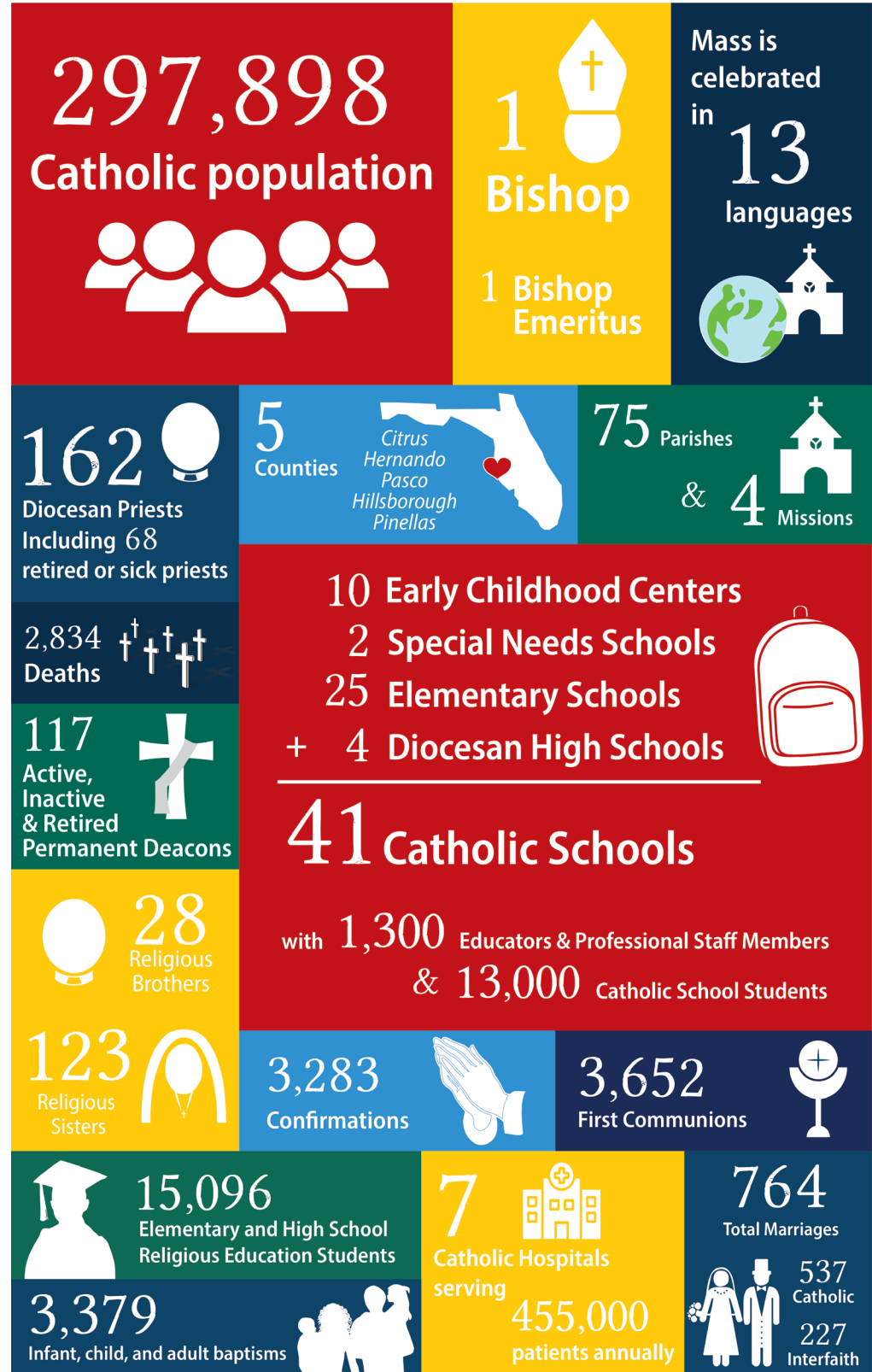


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## A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR FAITH FAMILY

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is comprised of nearly 300,000 Catholics as well as all non-Catholics within our geographic area comprised of five counties: Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas. Below is a snapshot of your Catholic community in 2020-2021:



The information reported above reflects statistical information found in the 2021 Official Catholic Directory, with the exception of the number of parishes and missions which changed mid-year.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

While the motivation to give is different for everyone, we believe our donors know that by joining together we are making a real difference in our parishes, our communities and across our five-county diocese. It is incredible to recognize that more than **75% of our diocesan ministry budget comes from personal gifts** from Catholics who keep Christ at the center of their lives, answering God's call to reach out through the good works of our church. Those who work in diocesan ministry know none of the programs, services and outreach we celebrated this past year would be possible without the **more than 22,000 dedicated individuals and families** who make direct donations to the good works of our church.



God has blessed us in so many ways and we want to share His blessings with others. The appeal is an excellent way to foster Catholic projects right here in our home region. Our generosity is returned to us abundantly.

The appeal supports so many ministries and activities of importance to our faith, especially the development of seminarians and the continuing education of our priests, social services for those in need in our region, youth faith formation, and Catholic educational opportunities. We are our brothers' keepers and are enjoined by Jesus to care for the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the imprisoned. Support of Catholic Ministries gives us as individuals a chance to make a difference in someone's life.

Mike and Sherri Turner, Parishioners  
St. Scholastica Catholic Church, Lecanto



I've seen first-hand the goodness of Catholic Charities from extensive travel abroad and most notably as a youth growing up in poverty. My family relied heavily on the Church and its ministries for help.

One of the Church's virtues is humility, but at times I believe you have to blow the horn a little to let others know about the many activities and profound difference the Church has made to so many. The money given to our larger ministries is well spent and is serving the community.

Oftentimes, a dollar invested has a greater than ten-fold impact on those it's directed to! The good works the Church does is our calling card, billboard of the faith. This is how we help humanity and give glory to God through our good works... If you believe, how can you not support that?

Ken Ouellette, Parishioner  
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Trinity



# RECOGNIZING GENEROSITY

The generosity of our parishioners in the Diocese of St. Petersburg is truly unmatched, as demonstrated by the growth of our *Mater Dei* Giving Society from **5,540 in 2020 to almost 6,500 in 2021**. Our dedicated members help us carry out our mission to courageously live the Gospel.

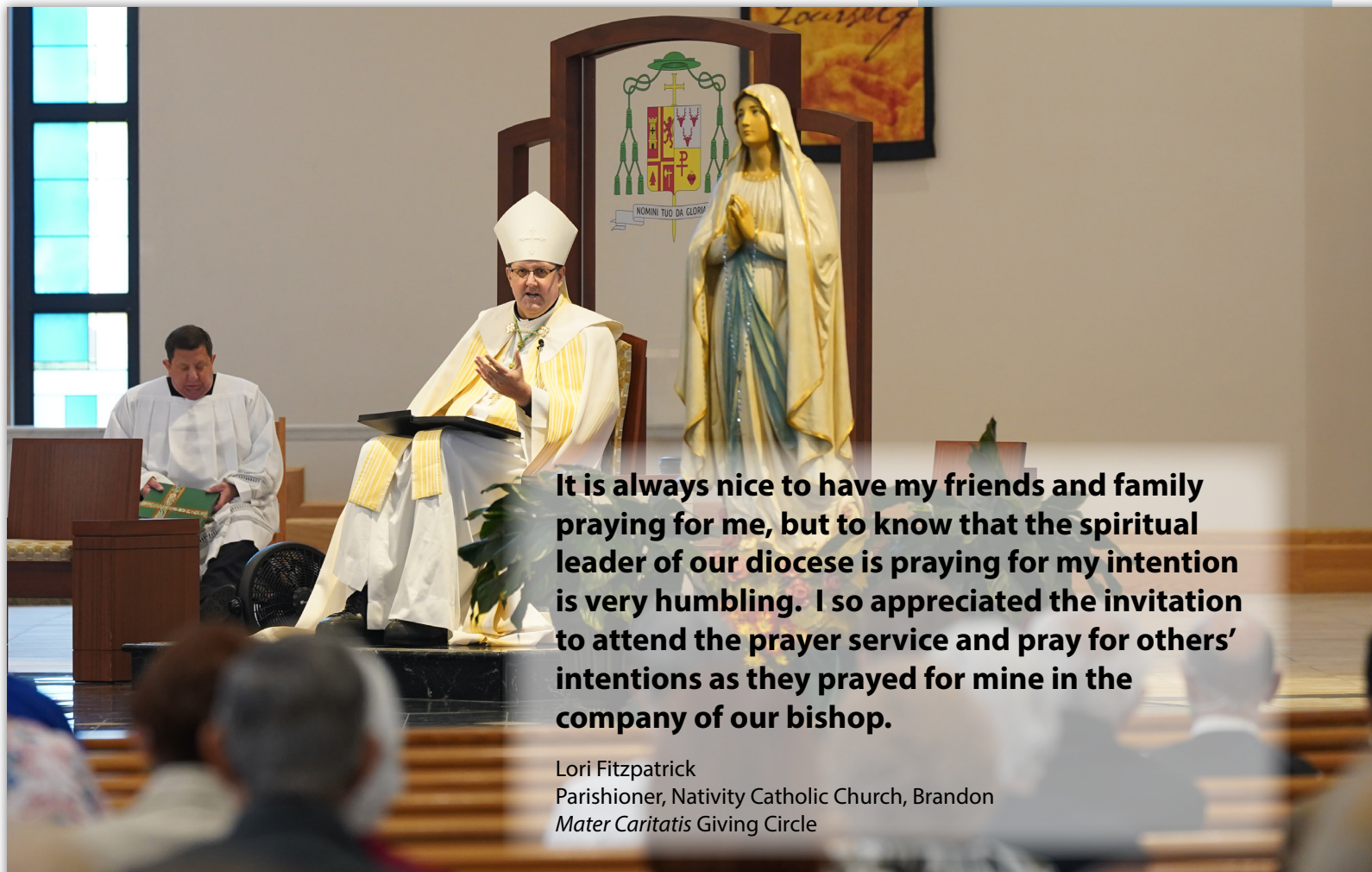
Planning for in person events and face-to-face interactions to gather and say “thank you” has been a challenge in the past couple of years. With careful preparation, Bishop Parkes was able to invite all members of the *Mater Dei* Giving Society to attend their first live event on October 24, 2021. More than 170 members joined Bishop Parkes at the Cathedral of St. Jude for an afternoon prayer service and reception, and another 206 joined virtually via livestream.

**“It is my hope and prayer that through the *Mater Dei* Giving Society we continue serving the poor, accompanying our youth and young adults and sharing our faith,” Bishop Parkes shared. “I know that together, we can make this hope and prayer a reality.”**

Visit [www.dosp.org/materdei](http://www.dosp.org/materdei) for more information about the *Mater Dei* Giving Society and a complete list of our current members.

## About the *Mater Dei* Giving Society

- † Established on November 9, 2020
- † 6500+ members in 4 circles supporting diocesan ministries, Catholic Charities, Spirit FM and/or the Catholic Foundation
- † 6,116 *Mater Caritatis* (Mother of Charity) Circle members giving 10+ years in a row
- † 500 *Mater Unitatis* (Mother of Unity) Circle members making gifts of \$5,000+ last year
- † 75 lifetime legacy gift members of the *Mater Spei* (Mother of Hope) Circle
- † 46 businesses and organizations were recognized in the new *Mater Ecclesiae* (Mother of the Church) Circle



**It is always nice to have my friends and family praying for me, but to know that the spiritual leader of our diocese is praying for my intention is very humbling. I so appreciated the invitation to attend the prayer service and pray for others' intentions as they prayed for mine in the company of our bishop.**

Lori Fitzpatrick  
Parishioner, Nativity Catholic Church, Brandon  
*Mater Caritatis* Giving Circle

# FEATURED MINISTRIES & INITIATIVES

Did you know that **71% of our total \$13.9 million budget for ministries and services in 2020-2021 came from direct parishioner donations** through the Annual Pastoral Appeal? Our larger ministries would find it impossible to continue outreach efforts without this support, which means that together we make a strong impact throughout our five counties. Below are four featured ministries and initiatives for 2020-2021.

## Fostering Vocations



### Highlights & Impact

#### Seminary Placement

- 5 St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
- 2 St. John Vianney College Seminary
- + 9 St. Joseph Seminary College

16 seminarians from  
14 parishes



#### Ordination



3 priests ordained in 2020  
+ 1 priest ordained in 2021  

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4 new priests

#### Events & Programs

- + Bishop's BBQ
- + Altar Server Appreciation
- + Focus 11 & Refocus
- + St. Andrew Dinner
- + Parish & School Vocation Workshops



*Discernment is not an easy thing. My reliance on God gives me strength and perseverance, and he raises me higher and higher every day. However, **it's the beautiful love and gracious support that people like you offer** that God uses to bring such joy and gratitude to the whole experience. Know of my prayers for you, and please continue to keep me and my brothers in yours.*

Spencer Grant, Diocesan Seminarian  
St. Joseph Seminary College

The way we embrace and celebrate ordinations acknowledges that our priests touch the lives of all 300,000+ registered parishioners of our diocese. On May 15, 2021, our diocese celebrated the ordination of Father Izzie Hernandez. The livestream was accessed by **2,575 viewers from 5 countries and 19 states** through our diocesan website, Facebook and YouTube.

We must continue to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life to serve our diocese and the needs of God's people. Our Office of Vocations takes responsibility for this vital task through a variety of innovative and creative live and virtual programs that include: providing opportunities for discernment and mentoring of potential candidates; screening, admission and supervision of our 16 current seminarians; and promotion of vocations throughout our five county diocese.

Visit [www.dospvocations.org](http://www.dospvocations.org) to view **"Tampa Bay Bucs Chaplain Brings Faith to the Field"** featuring Rev. Chuck Dornquist, Vocations Director



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## YOUR STORIES



### LOCAL NEWS

#### The Diocese of St. Petersburg Disaster Relief Fund Provides Assistance to Kentucky Tornado Victims

Bishop Parkes sent a donation of \$100,000 to the Diocese of Owensboro for tornado relief efforts.



### LOCAL NEWS

#### Free Pregnancy Center to Move to New, More Accessible Location

The Foundation of Life Pregnancy Center Tampa office is relocating to

## Highlights & Impact

### Gulf Coast Catholic

8,500 subscribers from 66 parishes



3 featured stories picked up by national news sites

### Communication Achievements

150,000 reached through social media



81,000 SpiritFM weekly listeners

52,000

Flocknote subscribers



76,000

unique visitors to www.dosp.org

239,000



YouTube views & 2,238 subscribers

56,000

viewers tuned in for the Easter Mass

All are invited to visit [GulfCoastCatholic.org](http://GulfCoastCatholic.org) and subscribe.

**We cover a lot of interesting stories that you wouldn't find in other news outlets.**

From parenting tips and local events to inspirational articles, Gulf Coast Catholic has got you covered.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

Our Communications Office is responsible for producing and airing uplifting, informational and relevant video and radio messages as well as social media posts. Through this ministry, we evangelize and inspire by sharing Catholic content, **reaching more than 150,000 each year.**

To expand our reach, in Spring 2021, the Communications Office initiated planning and implementation for a new, website-based weekly publication to bring good news directly to subscribers. On August 14, 2021, Bishop Gregory Parkes officially launched [GulfCoastCatholic.org](http://GulfCoastCatholic.org), featuring timely and relevant articles that inform, and stories about people Courageously Living the Gospel to inspire local Catholics to know, live and share the faith. An added feature of the direct communication allows the more than 8,500 subscribers to share any of the articles via social media with one click, extending the reach of our local Church.

Visit [www.GulfCoastCatholic.org/Subscribe](http://www.GulfCoastCatholic.org/Subscribe) to sign up today!

## Diaconate Formation



### Highlights & Impact

**111** Deacons in active service throughout our 5 counties

**85,000+**  
hours of ministry  
were exercised



**1,725**  
hours of continuing ministry  
formation were completed

**4** men were ordained as  
Permanent Deacons on  
October 16, 2021

### Current Formation



**8** men in the Class of 2023  
**+ 7** men in the Class of 2025

**15** new deacons by 2025

*As members of clergy yet often married, with wives connected to their ministry, with children, grandchildren, and employment in the daily mix of life, **Deacons bring a unique perspective to the parishes and people they serve as ordained ministers of the Church.***

Deacon Jim Grevenites, Director  
Diaconate Formation

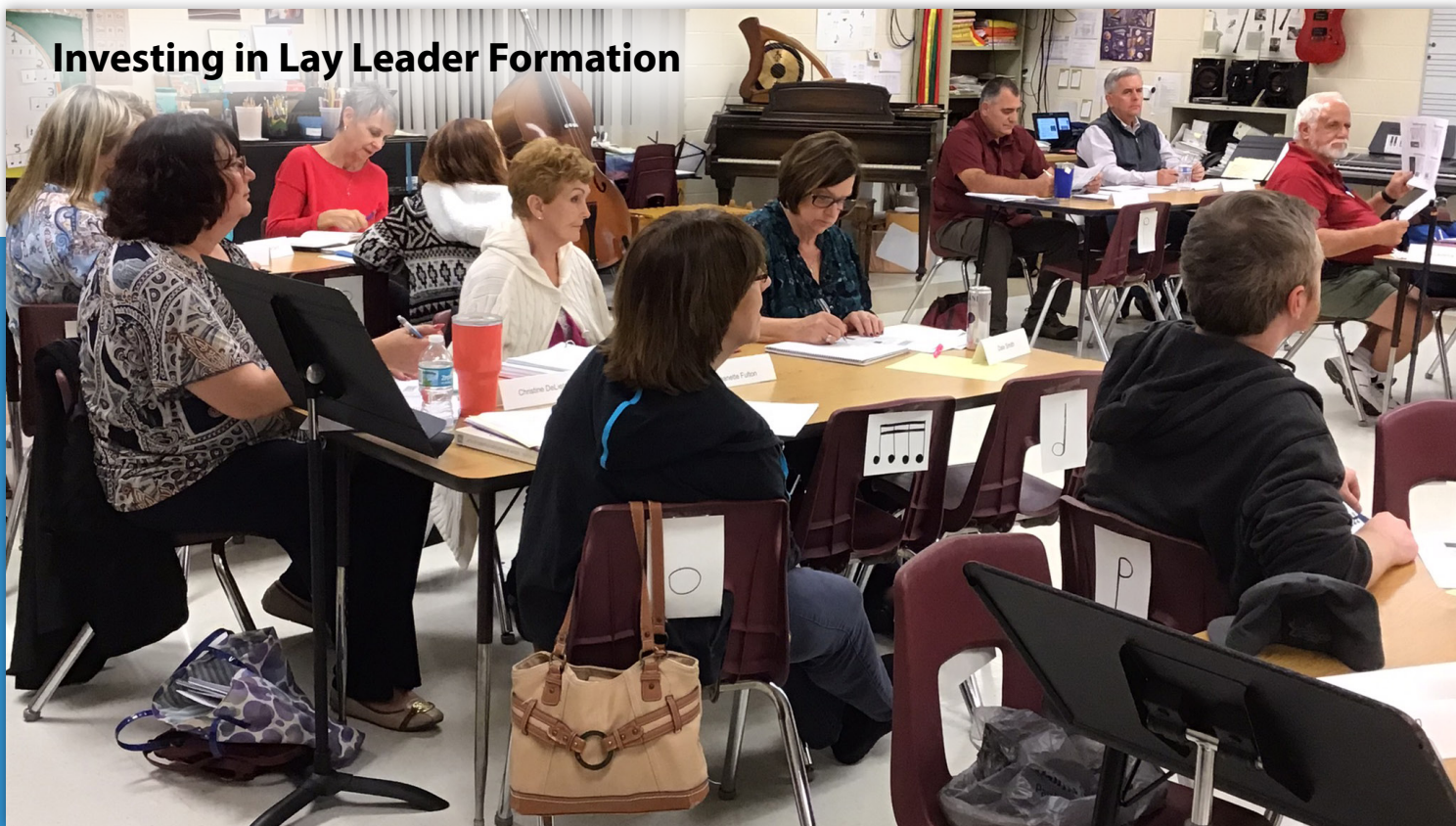
For almost 50 years, the deacons serving the Diocese of St. Petersburg have found their way into the hearts of many of our parish families. Our deacons walk with those in need, helping their pastor, celebrating Sacraments like weddings and baptisms, and working in numerous ministries such as RCIA, hospital ministry, soup kitchens, homebound visits, homeless shelters, and other parts of parish life that so many don't see.

With **111 Deacons in active service at 59 parishes and 12 diocesan ministries**, four new deacons celebrating their Ordination with Bishop Parkes on October 16, 2021, and two large upcoming classes in 2023 and 2025, our Diaconate Program is strong and healthy, bringing the love of Christ to the People of God across our diocese.

**Feeling called to serve the Church through serving the people of God?  
Visit [www.dosp.org/diaconate](http://www.dosp.org/diaconate) to learn more!**



## Investing in Lay Leader Formation



### Highlights & Impact

The 2021 graduating class of

13



represented 10 parishes from around our diocese

424

lay leaders commissioned as ecclesial ministers since 1998

1,200 +

participants from more than 70 parishes in the past 23 years

### LPMI Courses Include

- + Word of God
- + Lay Leadership Skills
- + Spiritual Formation
- + Conflict Resolution and Diversity Issues
- + Liturgy
- + Social Justice
- + Sacraments
- + Canon Law



*Now that I have been commissioned, I have so much more knowledge of my religion. I have a better understanding of scripture.*

*I have a better understanding of how a leader should perform.*

*It's just been a precursor of what I have been trying to do. To be a leader, to be an evangelizer. **It has fulfilled my desire to learn more about my own religion.** And I'm not stopping here – I will continue.*

Paula Hurlock, Newly Commissioned Leader  
Parishioner, St. Clement Catholic Church, Plant City

Since its inception in 1998, **more than 420 dedicated leaders have been commissioned** through the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI), including the 13 new leaders Bishop Parkes presented with their certificate in foundational ministry leadership at an evening prayer service on June 22, 2021.

In accordance with the teachings and tenets of the Roman Catholic Church, our LPMI provides an integrated ecclesial ministry formation program that equips lay men and women with knowledge and skills to carry out ministry competently, collaboratively, and professionally through one year of discernment and three years of academic and spiritual preparation. By engaging participants in a hands-on experience in their home parish ministry and offering a wide variety of diocesan resources, this program offers a rich and diverse experience that builds community leadership.

**Are you interested in becoming a commissioned lay leader?**  
**Visit [www.dosp.org/lpmi](http://www.dosp.org/lpmi) to learn more!**

# 2020 - 2021 PASTORAL CENTER SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Part of our ongoing journey of discipleship calls for us to acknowledge gifts given to us from God and then use them to serve others. Just as each person must be accountable, the Church must also be accountable for the gifts entrusted to us.

Accountability demonstrates organizational responsibility and transparency, showing our people that the gifts they have entrusted to us are being well-utilized to carry out the work of Christ. **Through this 2020-2021 Pastoral Center Summary of Operations, we account for income and funding received and provide an overview of how donations and other income are utilized to impact lives every day.**

In addition to the financial information provided, our diocese is subject to annual financial statement audits, performed by independent Certified Public Accountants. To review the 2021 audited financial statements or view the digital version of this report, please visit: [www.dosp.org/stewardship/2021-annual-report](http://www.dosp.org/stewardship/2021-annual-report).

*Thank you!*

On behalf of those who serve in ministry as well as the thousands that benefit from the ministries, services, programs and outreach we provide, please accept our gratitude and prayers for your support.

Your commitment provides for our current ministry, and we look forward to continuing in ministry together in the future.

## Sources of Income & Funding

The Pastoral Center of the Diocese of St. Petersburg operates on a very tight annual budget, relying on specific revenue sources, including interest earnings, donations and grants, bequests, parish assessment payments and direct donations to the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA). Below is a breakdown of the sources and amounts of income for 2020-2021 as compared to 2019-2020.

REVENUE	FY 2020-2021	FY 2019-2020
Donations to the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)	\$9,829,506	\$10,413,218
Net Parish Assessment Payments	\$1,146,275	\$860,633
Bequests, Donations, Grants and Interest	158,861	93,072
<b>Total Non-Program Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,134,642</b>	<b>\$11,366,923</b>
Program Service Fees and Reimbursements	3,382,253	3,988,942
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$14,516,895</b>	<b>\$15,355,865</b>





## The Ministries and Services We Funded

The gifts received through APA, along with assessment payments from parishes, bequests, donations, grants and program service fees provided funding for the larger ministries and services dedicated to carrying out the mission of our local church. Including capital expenditures, our expenditures for 2020-2021 totaled \$13.9 million.



### CLERGY, RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS AND SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Promotion and support of vocations to the priesthood, seminarian and diaconate formation and education, as well as support for our religious and retired clergy.



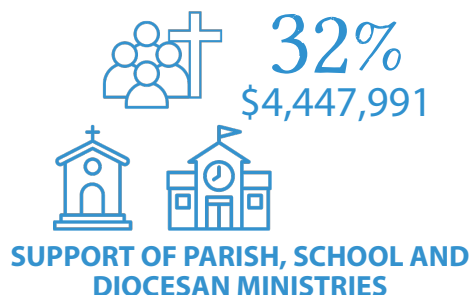
### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Leadership and guidance for all operations and functions under the canonical direction of the Bishop, plus assessments which fund the worldwide Church.



### CATHOLIC FORMATION AND EDUCATION

Programs and services which provide people of God the opportunity to practice the Catholic Faith, study the teachings of the Church and encounter Christ in one another.



### SUPPORT OF PARISH, SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Outreach and programs offering ministerial, organizational, and temporal service support for parishes, schools and diocesan ministries and services.



### TEMPORAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fiscal and organization functionality support for parishes, schools and diocesan ministries and services.



### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Services and outreach to the poor, marginalized and vulnerable, focused on protecting public safety, promoting the common good and restoring community with justice and charity.



### STEWARDSHIP FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Formation services for those charged with helping others better understand our acceptance and use of God's gifts and the costs associated with resource development activities.



### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Significant facility improvements with a benefit beyond the current year.



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