**Bringing Larger Ministry to Life – TOGETHER!**

Every gift to the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* makes the larger ministries and services of our diocese possible. This means every donor becomes actively involved in the Good Works helping thousands each year. Together we become:

**+ teachers of the Word**in Catholic schools and faith formation programs

**+ advocates for those who have no voice**

**+ servants**for those in need physically and spiritually

**+** **faithful in action by sharing the Gospel message** with those we welcome and accompany into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

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*“Insert quote about participation from your pastor or parish leader here”*

*Pastor/Parish Leader Name*

Our parish is filled with caring, generous people who have embraced our new *Catholic Ministry Appeal* and the good that it brings to our parish and to our diocese. **Thank you** to the XX who have made a sacrificial gift and helped us reach our parish financial goal of $(amount of goal). Your generosity to the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* supports the mission of Jesus Christ, allowing us to bring God’s love and mercy past our parish boundaries through ministries, programs and services provided by our local Church.

And, not only has our parish exceeded goal, the overall campaign has hit a major milestone – 18,000+ donors propelled the campaign past the overall goal of $7.1M!  While celebrating that our parish and the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* hit its goal, we know we still have work to do to increase participation and truly make our appeal a faith family effort. Nationally, dioceses see 20% participation in their annual appeals. Our diocese has reached 16% participation overall, and 36 of our 79 parishes and missions have achieved or pushed far beyond the national averages.

Last week in the Gulf Coast Catholic, Meegan Wright, Executive Director of Stewardship and Development shared:

“This is an outstanding accomplishment to celebrate, but we must also focus on participation, because strong participation across our diocese is going to be what takes us from meeting goal to pushing well beyond the goal and seeing ministry thrive and grow.” Visit **gulfcoastcatholic.org** to read the full article.

**For those who have not yet made your pledge or gift, we ask for your participation and support. We want you to know that every gift of every size is needed, wanted and appreciated.**Through our active participation in our parish and larger Church ministries and outreach, we bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Pledge envelopes are located (**describe where you have the envelopes**) for your convenience and can be mailed or delivered to our parish office. You can also give online by visiting **givetoministry.dosp.org.**