



JOIN ME IN PRAYING...

More numerous than the stars in the sky
are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son,
Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all
our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make,
the love we can share and the lives we can bring
to Christ through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us
to be your loving heart and hands today.

Amen.

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS...

*Your generosity directly nurtures spiritual life, embraces God's call to serve, and accompanies our missionary disciples through the ministries, outreach, and programs supported through the **Catholic Ministry Appeal**.*



Encountering God and Nurturing Our Spiritual Life

Sharing the faith and reaching out to others is how we encounter the face of God. These ministries assist parishes and offer all who seek God an opportunity to encounter Him and enrich our spiritual lives, fostering our response to God's call to serve.



Embracing God's Call to Serve

Hearing His call and carrying out His mission and ministry with love, gratitude, and concern for others is how we embrace God's call to serve. These ministries encourage all to act, expressing God's saving love within us as we help give shape to the world.



Accompanying our Missionary Disciples

Serving as living witnesses to Christ's message and love, and helping those in need, is how we accompany our missionary disciples. These ministries serve our priests, deacons, and lay leaders in their pastoral journey so they may continue offering our people the formation and foundation needed to bring God's message, mission, and ministry to our faith communities and world.



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the people of our diocese are invited to come together to assist those most in need in our local communities and support Catholics of all ages in growing their faith through gifts to the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. I am proud of the good work and ministry we do in Christ's name, and grateful to those who make it possible.

Last year, we surpassed our goal with more than \$8.8 million in commitments and can now explore growing ministries and better serving the community. We saw what was possible last year and the impact we had in our community.

This year, we will work together to raise \$8.5 million to ensure these ministries can continue bringing ministry to life by loving God, loving others, and making disciples through faith formation for children, adults, and families; support of our seminarians and priests; and shelter, feed, and clothe those in need.

In the spirit of faith and mission, I ask and pray that you will consider making a generous commitment to the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* this year.

Thank you, and may the Lord's abundant blessings be with you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory Parkes*

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes
Bishop of St. Petersburg

ENCOUNTERING GOD AND NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE



EMBRACING GOD’S CALL TO SERVE



ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



OUR GOAL: \$8.5 Million

42% | Encountering God and
Nurturing our Spiritual Life

- Bethany Center for Spiritual & Formation Development
- Faith Formation & Evangelization
- Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program
- Marriage & Family Life
- Media-Based Communication Ministry
- Ministry to Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance Grants
- Ministry to Multicultural Communities
- Ministry to Youth & Young Adults
- Office of Worship & Diocesan Liturgical Celebrations
- Support of The Catholic University
- Tribunal Office for Canonical Information & Sacramental Support

31% | Embracing God’s
Call to Serve

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg
- Diaconate Program & Formation
- La Clinica Guadalupeana Support
- Prison Ministry
- Seminarian Education & Support, & Promotion of Vocations
- Vicar for Religious

27% | Accompanying our
Missionary Disciples

- Clergy Care, Ministry to Priests & Continuing Education for Priests
- Haitian Apostolate & the St. Rita, St. Joseph-Tampa & St. Clement Migrant Apostolates
- Justice, Life & Advocacy Promotion & Formation
- Safe Environment Program
- Stewardship Formation & Development Programs
- Support for Shrines in the Holy Land & Churches in Latin America

Spotlight on...

Ministry to Youth & Young Adults

The **Youth and Young Adult Ministry** builds opportunities for young people to encounter the Lord, supporting those seeking a rich, spiritual life, and fostering our response to His call to serve. Last year, this ministry held its 10th annual Good Samaritan Project, bringing the youth in our diocese together to grow in the virtue of stewardship to advance the quality of life in our community both during the event and every day after.

GOOD
SAMARITAN
PROJECT



324 Young Adult
Volunteers
32 Hours at
Service
18 Sites over
4 Days for
a total of
10,368 Hours

Spotlight on...

Shelters of Hope

Through social services designed to preserve families, encourage self-sufficiency, and promote social justice, **Catholic Charities** brings faith and love to those they serve. This past year, **Catholic Charities** housed and sheltered more than 4,000 people through **Shelters of Hope**, and provided new affordable housing opportunities with the opening of Mercy Oaks Apartments in Tampa, the Pasco Family Shelter for young homeless families with children, and two communities in Hillsborough County, Las Villas and Vincent Oaks. An additional location, St. Benedict Apartments, will be available after construction is completed this year.



1,235 Clients
Sheltered
3,106 Clients
Housed
183,717 Shelter
Meals Served

Spotlight on...

Ministry to Priests

Our priests care for thousands of parishioners, encouraging all of us to embrace God’s call. Our Office of **Ministry to Priests** offers our active and retired priests opportunities for spiritual direction, sacramental reconciliation, consultation, days of recollection, retreats, and mentoring for our newly ordained priests and new pastors.

106 Priests in active service
across our 75 parishes
& 4 missions
27 Priests serving
less than 7 years
17 New pastors
serving 1-5 years
62 Veteran pastors
serving 5+ years

