



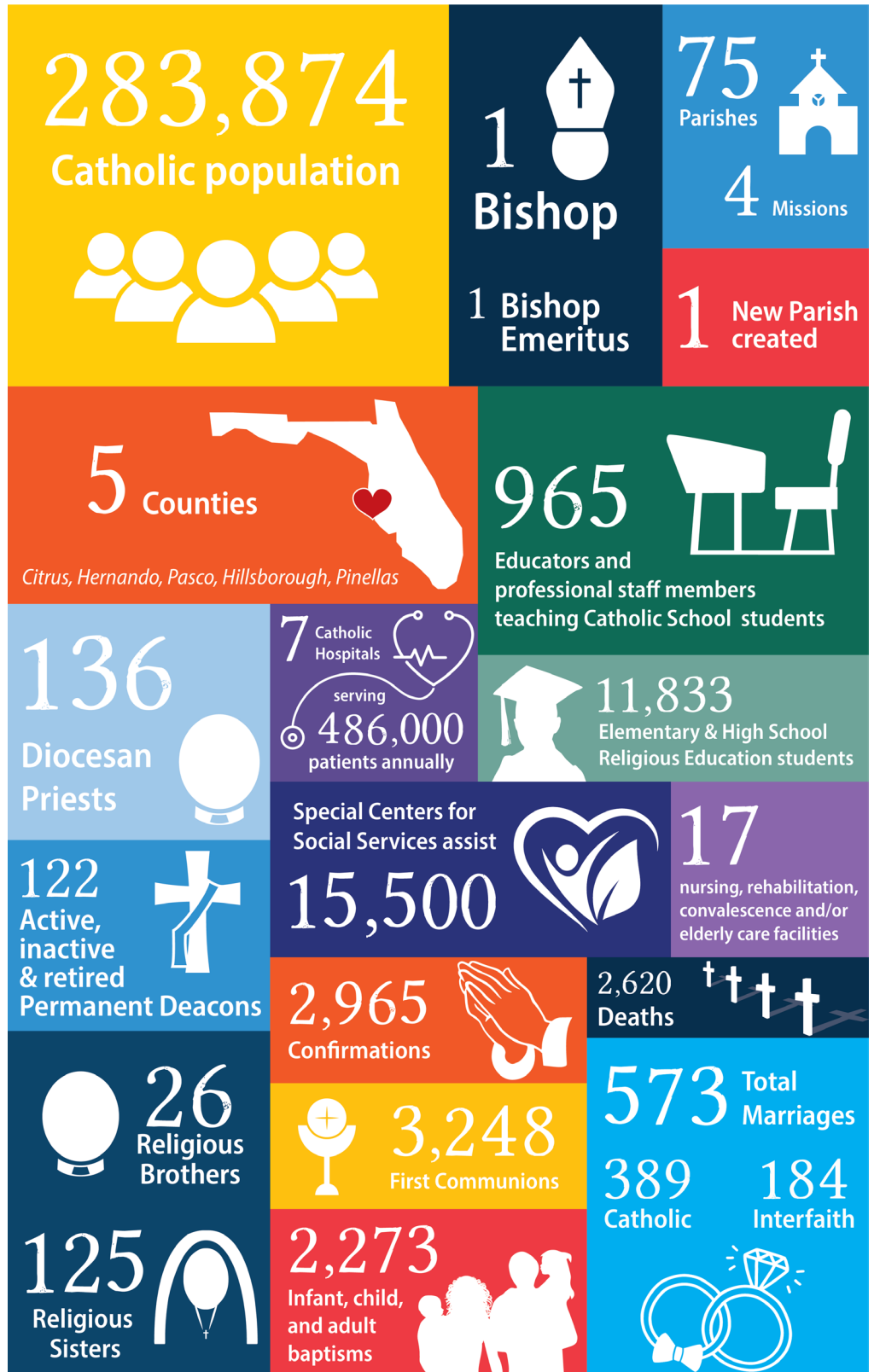
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
ANNUAL REPORT
2022

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A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR FAITH FAMILY

The Diocese of St. Petersburg comprises nearly 300,000 Catholics as well as all non-Catholics within our geographic area encompassing five counties: Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas. Below is a snapshot of your Catholic community in 2021-2022:



The information reported above reflects statistical information found in the 2022 Official Catholic Directory.

CONTACT US

The 2022 Annual Report is produced by the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development. If you would like to receive a digital version, have questions concerning the report, or would like to learn more about any of the ministries, initiatives or information included in this report, please call **727.341.6829** or send your inquiry via email to stewardship@dosp.org.



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 **68% 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 made direct donations to the good works of our Church.

We have been parishioners at St. Matthew Catholic Church for one and a half years. Our children are altar servers and involved with music for Mass. We also participate in parish service activities (such as meal preparation for Pinellas Hope).

The world is in need of hope and good works and we are very blessed to have a wonderful and supportive community at St. Matthew's. We believe it is our responsibility to share our gifts and blessings with others in the world.

In a world that assaults us with so much content but so little depth or meaning, the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* engages us in something foundational to our existence as humans and Catholics. Sometimes the simplest path to peace is through focusing on the service of others.

Yeomans Family, Parishioners
St. Matthew Catholic Church, Largo



Our family came to St. Benedict Catholic Church in June 2015. We are both Eucharistic Ministers and Michael is a Lector. We manage some parish events, whether it be cooking for large groups or assisting wherever needed, we also support the Parish Community through seasonal donations, and sponsor a needy family every year for the Christmas Holiday.

We believe that standing by the Church and its ministries, and contributing our time, efforts, skills, and whatever else necessary, is for the betterment of the Catholic Community as a whole.

The annual appeal helps members of the Diocese and those in need in many ways that are immediately obvious to the public at large. That support closes a gap in services sorely needed within the Diocese and the State.

Celentano-Scherman Family, Parishioners
St. Benedict Catholic Church, Crystal River



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

This past year brought challenges – personally, as well as organizationally. The generosity that you have shown through your support of your parish, as well as our ministry and services here in the Diocese of St. Petersburg helped us meet those challenges successfully. Together, we adjusted and continued to bring others into a relationship with Christ.

Accepting responsibility for our use of donations is no small task. We know each gift represents the good stewardship of our people. Please know the gifts that you, the faithful, have entrusted to us are being well-utilized to carry out the work of Christ.

In thanksgiving for your stewardship and as part of our commitment to accountability and transparency, we have prepared this annual report for 2022. The report details the organizational challenges our Diocese has faced and includes the 2021-2022 Pastoral Center Summary of Operations. It also features the impact of some who give to make larger ministry possible, as well as some who serve with me here at the Pastoral Center and throughout our five-county area.

An on-line version with video testimonials and stories has also been prepared so that we can share even more with those who make our ministry possible. You can access it at www.dosp.org/stewardship/2022-annual-report.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support. Together, let us continue in our mission to courageously live the Gospel!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes
Bishop of St. Petersburg



A NEW FUNDING MODEL AND OUR COMMITMENT

The ministries, programs, and services of our Diocese have always operated on a tight annual budget. For the past 20 years, most of that budget was funded through direct donations to our Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) which reduced the amount each parish paid in assessment.

This meant that all aspects of operations – from outreach to the administrative needs of our Diocese to accounting services for parishes – was funded by our people and our parishes.



Since his installation as shepherd of the Diocese of St. Petersburg six years ago, Bishop Parkes heard from donors, pastors, and parish leaders, who stated that their donations should fund ministry and outreach efforts only, and that the leadership and temporal services should be funded in another way.

Last year, with the unanimous support of a task force of 13 pastors and other priests, we faced that challenge head on:

- The old APA model was dismantled.
- Diocesan ministries are now funded through the new *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, and parishes are not required to pay the balance of their goal if not achieved. Our ministries will grow as support from our people allows.
- Diocesan leadership provided through the Offices of the Bishop, Vicar General, and Chancellor, necessary for shepherding our local Church, are now funded through a much-reduced assessment, or tax, equal to 2% of parish offertory and donations less K-8 elementary school support.
- Administrative functions that serve our parishes, schools, and ministries such as Human Resources, Accounting, and Information Technology are now supported through interest earnings from a trust fund.

This new model lessens the financial burden on parishes and allows 100% of donor contributions to go toward ministries instead of administrative costs.

Did the new funding model work? Yes! More than 22,000 households gave to the new *Catholic Ministry Appeal* by the end of 2022.

However, our reporting and auditing process works on a fiscal year. This means that between July 1 and December 31, 2021, our donors and parishes were operating under the Annual Pastoral Appeal/Assessment model, and from January 1 through June 30, 2022 the new *Catholic Ministry Appeal* was underway.

Therefore, the 2022 Annual Report includes an overview of all 2021-2022 revenues broken out by type source and operational expenses associated with our traditional diocesan ministry and service areas. It also includes comparative year over year information and impact reporting.

Our Diocese also participates in annual financial statement audits, performed by independent certified public accountants. For any who wish to review the 2022 audited financial statements, please visit www.dosp.org/stewardship/2022-annual-report.

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

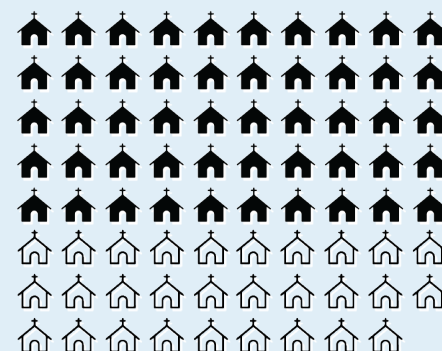
\$7.1M Goal

\$9.3M
Raised

22K Donors



50 Parishes Over Goal



Stewarding Gifts

As stewards of all donations and gifts entrusted to us, the Diocese of St. Petersburg remains committed to transparency. This means reporting back to the people of our local Church and demonstrating how we use those funds to carry out Christ's mission.

Did you know that:

- *Our Diocese receives revenue through donations, grants, interest earnings and parish assessment payments in one fiscal year, and budgets and spends it the next year?* By operating in this manner, we live within our means. We can plan responsibly and do not spend more on ministries, programs and services than we have available.
- *90% of all income and funding is utilized to carry out programs and mission-related outreach and services?* Of the remaining revenue, 5.3% is used to manage and administer those efforts, and 4.7% is used to request donations to fund the mission.
- *We undergo annual financial statement audits performed by independent Certified Public Accountants?*

Through this 2021-2022 Pastoral Center Summary of Operations, we account for income and funding received and share how donations and other income are utilized to impact lives through diocesan ministries, programs and services.

We hope and pray you find this report informative. To view the 2021-2022 audited financial statements or the digital version of this report, please visit: www.dosp.org/stewardship/2022-annual-report.

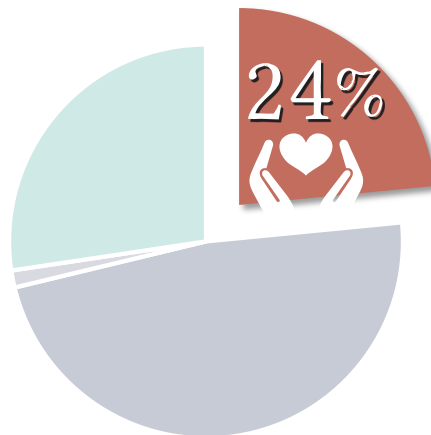
2021 - 2022 PASTORAL CENTER SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Sources of Income & Funding

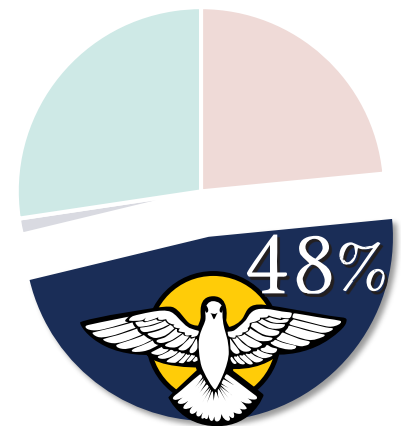
Below is a breakdown of the sources and amounts of income for 2021-2022 as compared to 2020-2021.

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2020-2021
Donations to the 2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)	\$3,417,972	\$9,829,506
Donations to the 2022 Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$6,961,792	
Net Parish Assessment Payments	\$641,854	\$1,146,275
Bequests, Other Donations, Grants and Interest	\$204,104	\$158,861
Total Non-Program Revenue	\$11,198,722	\$11,134,642
Program Service Fees and Reimbursements	\$3,987,534	\$3,382,253
Total Operating Revenue	\$15,186,256	\$14,516,895

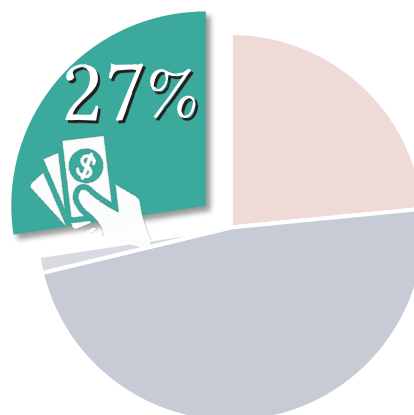
Donations to the 2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal



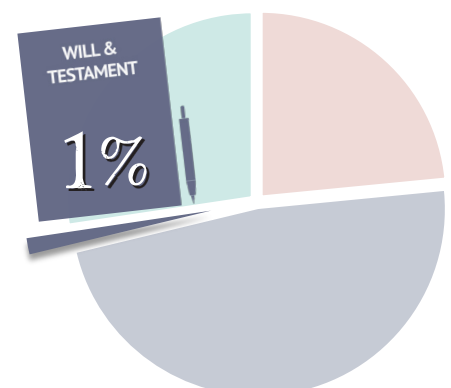
Donations to the 2022 Catholic Ministry Appeal



Program Service Fees and Reimbursements



Bequests, Other Donations, Grants and Interest



The Ministries and Services We Funded

The gifts received last year provided funding in 2021-2022 for the larger ministries and services dedicated to carrying out the mission of our local church. Including less than \$200,000 (1%) for capital expenses, our expenditures for 2021-2022 totaled \$13.98 million.



19%
\$2,614,821

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.



15%
\$2,161,597

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.



5%
\$661,790

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.



34%
\$4,795,010

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.



10%
\$1,406,696

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

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



11%
\$1,593,895

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.



5%
\$739,590

TEMPORAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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



1%
\$200,000

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Significant facility improvements with a benefit beyond the current year.

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.

“
You have made a commitment to the mission of our Diocese and spreading the good news. I am so very grateful for what you have done.

”

*Most Rev. Gregory Parkes
Bishop, Diocese of St. Petersburg*



All of the successes we experience and share through diocesan ministry and outreach stems from the love and support of parishioners within the Diocese of St. Petersburg. To offer special thanks to those who have given so much, Bishop Parkes established the *Mater Dei* Giving Society in 2020.

Named in honor of the Blessed Mother, the society recognizes four distinct types of generosity to diocesan ministries, Catholic Charities, Spirit FM 90.5 and the Catholic Foundation through giving circles. Since its formation two years ago, Bishop Parkes has invited members to gatherings, special Masses and virtual events.

One of the events for current members, as well as those who will be honored as members in the next year, is a special prayer service. This year, more than 250 members participated in an afternoon of prayer, thanks and celebration. **“You have made a commitment to the mission of our Diocese and spreading the good news,”** shared Bishop Parkes. **“I am so very grateful for what you have done.”**

Please visit www.dosp.org/materdei for more information about the *Mater Dei* Giving Society and a complete list of our current members.

*Mater Caritatis Circle
(Mother of Charity)*
The *Mater Caritatis* Circle recognizes those who have given 10 years in a row to one or more of our diocesan entities.

*Mater Unitatis Circle
(Mother of Unity)*
The *Mater Unitatis* Circle recognizes those who have given a significant gift this past year to one of our diocesan entities.

*Mater Spei Circle
(Mother of Hope)*
The *Mater Spei* Circle recognizes those who have established a legacy gift for a parish, a mission or a diocesan entity in their estate.

*Mater Ecclesiae Circle
(Mother of the Church)*
The *Mater Ecclesiae* Circle recognizes businesses and organizations that have given a significant gift this past year to one of our diocesan entities.

FEATURED MINISTRIES AND INITIATIVES

Currently, **68% of our total \$13.98 million budget for ministry and services comes from direct parishioner donations.** Our larger ministries would find it impossible to continue outreach efforts without this support, which means that we are partners with our supporters, making a strong impact throughout our five counties together.

Catholic Schools



By the Numbers

Total enrollment at our schools is up

2.5%



Each student at our four Catholic High Schools perform

24 service hours each year as part of their curriculum for a total of

88,128

service hours per year!



*"We put God first in everything we do. That is why it is so important for our kids to have a Catholic school education. **Those who support tuition assistance programs need to know they have made a difference** in the life of our family by making the Catholic education of my three children affordable."*

Nicole, Catholic School Parent

The mission of Catholic Schools and Centers is to provide a faith-filled community where students can grow spiritually, academically, and socially. They reflect the richness, diversity, and strength of our Catholic Church.

As one of our largest evangelical ministries, Catholic schools are vital to our Church, providing an excellent education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To ensure that our schools remain available and affordable to all who wish to attend, we dedicate funds each year to our tuition assistance program. This program allows us to invest in the faith and future of our students and their families.

Learn more about our Catholic Schools and Centers by visiting www.dosp.org/schools-office.



Transformational Parish Growth Summit



By the Numbers

108 Pastors, Parish Staff & Lay Leaders
29 Parishes participated in the Transformational Parish Growth Summit



16 diocesan ministry leaders & directors offered more than
100 hours to collaborate and plan



32 hours to execute the three day event



*"It's good to be reminded and to get fired back up about evangelization. It reaffirmed my views that **evangelization needs to be relational, and it involves walking with small groups of people.**"*

Father Jonathan Emery, Pastor
 St. Matthew Parish, Largo

Pastors and parish leaders from across the Diocese of St. Petersburg participated in a full immersion, three-day, sun-up to sun-down Transformational Parish Growth Summit April 25-27, 2022. The Summit, held at the Bethany Center, provided 32 hours of praying, learning, dreaming, and envisioning plans for filling our churches.

The purpose of this first-ever event was to focus on the spiritual and practical ways to grow discipleship and the Church. Based on the feedback from participants, the purpose was met. *"This was one of the best diocesan events I have attended. It was educational and it touched my heart,"* said Kathy Brasseur, Office Manager at St. Scholastica Parish, Lecanto. *"This experience moves me to do more than what I've been doing and to overcome my fears. It starts with me. I have to be more prayerful and more formational to be an example to others."*

As an initiative of *Courageously Living the Gospel*, the Transformational Parish Growth Summit fulfilled the diocesan vision calling us to proclaim the Gospel and invite all to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Learn more about our *Courageously Living the Gospel* initiatives by visiting www.dosp.org/courageouslyliving!


Spirit FM 90.5



By the Numbers

8,760 hours of broadcasting each year 

Mass is celebrated

 2X a day
Monday - Friday
plus Sunday Mass

Celebrating its

37TH year 

*"Spirit FM is a great opportunity to escape the noise, hear the music, and **feel the peace and joy it brings.**"*

Matthew Noyes, Listener
Clearwater

The broadcast ministry of WBVM has been a part of our diocesan outreach since Memorial Day, 1986. For almost 37 years, Spirit FM 90.5 has been sharing the love of Christ and the beauty of the Catholic faith. Our award-winning radio broadcast ministry can be heard loud and clear 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year throughout most of the greater Tampa Bay area, including Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, and most of Polk and Hardee Counties. It can also be accessed worldwide online!

In addition to inspiring praise music and prayer time for submitted intentions, 61,000 listeners also tune in each week for a variety of uplifting programming. Each day, the station broadcasts Scripture reflections, the Holy Mass from the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, and teachings from Bishop Gregory Parkes in a series titled, *Proclaim, Invite, Encounter*.

Spirit FM 90.5 has something for everyone. And the dedicated staff members lend their talents to the parishes, schools, and the community by sharing local events four times a day and offering remote broadcasting on site.

Live with Spirit!
Visit www.myspiritfm.com to start listening!





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