



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
CATHOLIC
MINISTRY
Appeal

The meeting will begin in a few moments

Agenda

- Opening prayer – Bishop Parkes
- Introductory remarks – Bishop Parkes
- Wrap Up: 2023 Catholic Ministry Appeal – Meegan Wright
- The Catholic Ministry Appeal in your parish
 - Planning, Execution and Active Phase – Michelle Mesiano
 - Elements of a Successful In-pew – Meegan Wright
- Q&A
- Closing and blessing – Bishop Parkes



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Opening Prayer

Most Rev. Gregory Parkes
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg



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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.





Introductory Remarks

Most Rev. Gregory Parkes
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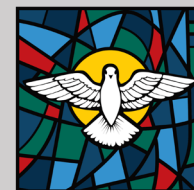


Wrap Up: 2023 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Meegan Wright

Exec. Director of the Office of Stewardship & Development

Exec. Director of the Catholic Foundation



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Current stats (as of 11/6/2023):

\$8.86M in commitments

\$8.52M paid to date

20,724 donors

25 parishes over goal

16 above 90% of goal

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2022

\$8.8M pledged

\$8.5M paid

21,681 donors

42 parishes

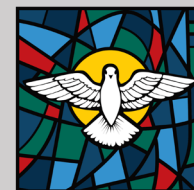
11 parishes



The Catholic Ministry Appeal in your parish

Michelle Mesiano

Associate Director of the Office of Stewardship & Development



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2024 Timeline

Planning Phase Dates

Goals out

-> 11/6/2023

For the 2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal,
we kept the same formula to calculate parish goals:

Offertory

Plus Donations

Less School Support up to \$100,000

= Assessable Revenue

Times 14.0%

= Catholic Ministry Appeal Parish Goal

2024 Timeline

Planning Phase Dates

Goals out -> 11/6/2023

Pre-Ask for 2023 Donors -> 11/13/2023

Mater Dei Prayer Service -> 11/19/2023

Pastor Letter to DOSP -> 12/1/2023

2024 Timeline

Planning Phase Dates

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------|
| Appeal Workshop | -> | 12/6/2023 |
| Direct Mail (Bishop Parkes) | -> | Week of 1/8/2024 |
| Parish In-pew Materials | -> | Week of 1/9/2024 |



THE COURIER

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2024 Timeline

Active Phase Dates

Kick-off	->	1/6-7/2024
Education Weekend #1	->	1/13-14/2024
Pastor Letter of Support	->	1/15/2024
Education Weekend #2	->	1/20-21/2024

2024 Timeline

Active Phase Dates

In-Pew/
Commitment Weekend #1 -> 1/27-28/2024

In-Pew/
Commitment Weekend #2 -> 2/3-4/2024

Follow-up Weekend #1 -> 2/10-11/2024

Follow-up Weekend #2 -> 2/17-18/2024

PARISH RESOURCES

[www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/
2024parishresources/](http://www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/2024parishresources/)

Planning & Execution

Meegan Wright

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Planning and Execution – Parish Toolkit

- Gift Remittance Process
- Case Summary
- Lay Testimonial Worksheet
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GIFT REMITTANCE PROCESS

The mailing to previous donors will take place mid-November, and the pastor support mailing to all households will drop mid-January. Therefore, you may receive 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal* gifts and commitments in the collection basket as early as December 2023.

The following procedures have been established to expedite the remittance of gifts and commitments to the Campaign Processing Office to ensure donors are acknowledged accurately and quickly.

LOCK BOX DEPOSIT – MAILING ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Please be aware: to expedite deposit of direct mail (preprinted) pledges and gifts, we have secured a lock box service. The return address for this service is: P.O. Box 458, Kensington, CT 06037-0458.

To the right is a sample of the return envelopes for all mailed, preprinted pledge cards.



GIFT REMITTANCE PROCESS

IN-PEW PLEDGE ENVELOPES

- For security and accuracy purposes, please do not open any *Catholic Ministry Appeal* envelopes.
- Please submit all gifts to the Campaign Processing Office as they are received. **Do not hold or collect gifts or commitments.**
- If the donor has **not sealed the envelope, please seal** and submit to the Campaign Processing Office.
- To ensure prompt and accurate posting, please make sure **all envelopes have your parish name and city on them.**
- *Catholic Ministry Appeal* gifts and commitments should be collected, packaged securely and sent to:

For UPS/FedEx **(Preferred Method)**

Campaign Processing Office
Bishop W. Thomas Larkin Pastoral Center
6363 Ninth Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

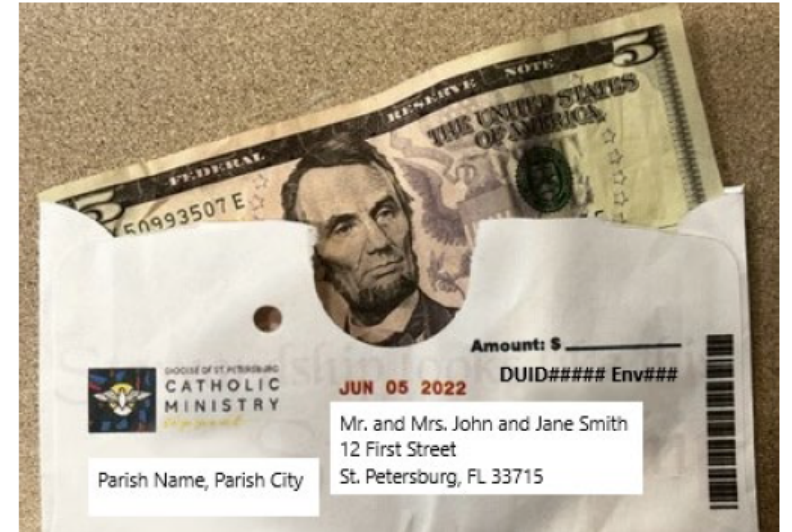
For United States Postal Service (USPS)

Campaign Processing Office
Bishop W. Thomas Larkin Pastoral Center
Post Office Box 40200
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0200

GIFT REMITTANCE PROCESS

GIFTS OF LOOSE CASH

- Cash should not be sent through the mail.
- **Must** be deposited by the parish into the parish account. Once deposited, a check to the Diocese with the original envelopes should include: DUID, first name, last name, address, parish envelope number, payment amount and pertinent payment type. Check for the total amount of the cash gifts should be forwarded to the Campaign Processing Office with notation of “anonymous cash gifts.” Any cash donations received at the parish must be deposited by the parish.
- ***Please use the sample to the right for reference.***



GIFT REMITTANCE PROCESS

PARISH CHECKS WITH LISTS

- **When donations are deposited at the parish, and one parish check is cut, we have been receiving incomplete lists and/or information.** This includes missing addresses, incorrect name spellings and more. A correct parish list should include: DUID, first name, last name, address, parish envelope number, payment amount and pertinent payment type.
- Accepted File Formats include:
 - .csv
 - .exl
- ***Please use this sample for reference:***

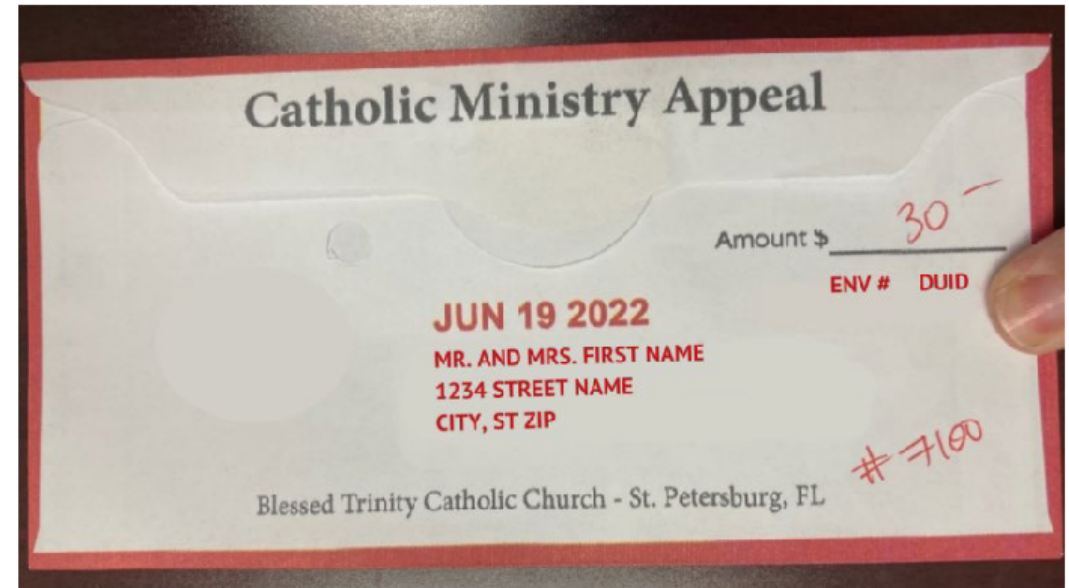
Catholic Ministry Appeal <Date Range>
<Parish Name>

DUID	First Name	Last Name	Address	ST	Zip	Env	Amount	Payment Type
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 50.00	Cash
200002	Jane	Doe	5678 2nd Ave	FL	33713	565	\$ 25.00	Check
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 15.00	Cash
200002	Jane	Doe	5678 2nd Ave	FL	33713	565	\$ 60.00	Check
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 50.00	Cash
200002	Jane	Doe	5678 2nd Ave	FL	33713	565	\$ 10.00	Check
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 15.00	Cash
200002	Jane	Doe	5678 2nd Ave	FL	33713	565	\$ 40.00	Check
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 20.00	Cash
200002	Jane	Doe	5678 2nd Ave	FL	33713	565	\$ 100.00	Check
100001	John	Smith	1234 First St	FL	33715	434	\$ 25.00	Cash
							\$ 410.00	

GIFT REMITTANCE PROCESS

SMALL, OFFERTORY PACKET ENVELOPES

- Different from the deep flap commitment envelopes or direct mail pledge cards.
- Small, offertory packet envelopes with checks have been received with missing addresses, DUIDS, parish names and incorrect amounts.
- Small, offertory packet envelopes with cash and coins should not be mailed through the US Postal Service, via an overnight service or hand delivered. **Please audit these envelopes** with the amount of cash, deposit the cash and **submit one check** for all the cash with the backup (see Parish Check List instructions above).
- *Please use the sample to the right for reference.*



Catholic Ministry Appeal

Amount \$ 30

ENV # DUID

JUN 19 2022
MR. AND MRS. FIRST NAME
1234 STREET NAME
CITY, ST ZIP

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church - St. Petersburg, FL

7100

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Right now... Planning Phase

- ✓ Go to the resource page
 - ✓ Pull together your team to assist in planning and implementation
 - ✓ Set your meeting dates
 - ✓ Review your successes
 - ✓ Get your active phase planned out
-
- ✓ And...

PASTOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Pastor letter of support for all recipients of January mailings (after Bishop Parkes letter is sent)

Today, I join with Bishop Parkes and my brother priests to invite you to participate in the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. The annual appeal is a reminder that we are all called through baptism to a life of discipleship and share a common mission to proclaim the Gospel and help those in need strengthen their relationship with God.

Together we are called to assist the poor with food, clothing and shelter; offer guidance to our youth; and bring Christ's saving message to all people. Together, we can help parishes across the diocese remain vibrant while also funding critical ministries no one parish could address alone.

SEGMENT 1 – non-donors:

Last week you received an invitation to pray for and follow Father Christian, our newest priest, on his journey as he completes his first year of priestly ministry. **I hope you will consider accepting that invitation.**

*Did you know that gifts to our annual appeal support priests like Father Christian and me, and the formation of our seminarians, who will serve all the faithful of our local Church in the years to come? A gift also supports **XX** other ministries and services, which can touch lives and change hearts in every neighborhood, every community and in all **XX** parishes of our Diocese.*

< **INFORMAL SALUTATION** >, I ask you to prayerfully consider accepting the invitation to pray for Father Christian, and also join me in making a sacrificial gift this year to the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

By combining our financial resources, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our diocesan Church will flourish. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the envelope provided. You may place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass this weekend or simply drop it in the mail. I thank you for your faithful response for our parish and our Diocese.

SEGMENT 2 – Those who received Bishop's Mailing:

If you would like to experience one of the fruits of our appeal, I invite you to pray for Father Christian, our newest priest, as he completes his first year of priestly ministry, and to follow his journey through his video blog. You can sign up for "Walking in His Light: Navigating Year One with Fr. Christian Galvan" by visiting (**URL**).

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In November, you received an invitation to participate in the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal* from Bishop Parkes. < **INFORMAL SALUTATION** >, if you have not already responded, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making a sacrificial gift this year to the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. By combining our financial resources, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our diocesan Church will flourish.

I thank you for your faithful response for our parish and our Diocese.

May Our Lord, who will never be outdone in His generosity, abundantly bless you and your home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
< **INSERT SIGNATURE** >

< **PASTOR NAME** >, Pastor
< **PARISH NAME** >

Education Weekends – Lay Witness Testimonial

- What is it?
- Who is it?
- Why is it important?

Education Weekends – Lay Witness Testimonial

Tips for Presenters

- ✓ learn more
- ✓ 3-5 minutes
- ✓ write it out, send it for review, practice
- ✓ grab attention early
- ✓ large and small
- ✓ positive, enthusiastic & yourself
- ✓ advocate
- ✓ pray & read your audience

Education Weekends – Lay Witness Testimonial

Lay Witness Guide

- ✓ information we just talked about
- ✓ tips in detail
- ✓ sample outline
- ✓ words to inspire & scriptural references

Education Weekends – Lay Witness Testimonial

Video Recording Tips

- ✓ for those who wish to record/show at Masses or use on web/social media

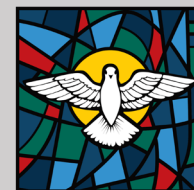
Active Phase

Elements of a Successful In Pew

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Commitment Weekend: Preparations

BULLETIN

- Pastor shares an invitation to participate in Catholic Ministry Appeal in his bulletin message
- Bulletin insert

POSTERS

- up in all entry ways

MEDIA

- Web banner
- Link to e-giving website
- Web posts
- Social media posts

Commitment Weekends: Preparations

THE PEWS

- Commitment Cards
- Give Now Postcards (NEW)
- Pencils/pens
- QR code
 - Information is in the pews
 - on the screens
 - Electronic Devices – when to invite to turn on?

MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR PARISHIONERS TO GIVE.
HAVE THE TOOLS READY AND AVAILABLE.

Commitment Weekends: Preparations

THE PEWS

Assign PEW GARDENERS who will come
between Masses to create order in the pews again
– laying out the cards for the next Mass

Commitment Weekends: Homily

This is your opportunity to invite people to build the kingdom of God in a tangible way. They have an impact on Ministry in God's kingdom.

5 elements of Giving Sacrificially

- **Planned**
- **Proportionate**
- **Sacrificial**
- **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- **A Gift**

Commitment Weekends: The Invitation

A robust ASK/INVITATION (three-to-five minutes)

- **No Apologies** – Express your support and even your excitement for the opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves – being part of building God’s kingdom on earth
- **Walk through the commitment card**
 - Time to complete: Complete it yourself
 - QR Code
 - Information must be accessible – even on Live Stream
 - Electronic Devices must be “on”

Commitment Weekends: The Invitation

A robust ASK/INVITATION (three-to-five minutes)

- **Intentionally COLLECT the commitment cards at the time of the invitation**
 - Completes the invitation with an action step
 - Coordinate with the Ushers
 - Not an afterthought

Commitment Weekends: Follow-up

- 70% to 85% were not at Mass the previous weekend – did not hear your message or invitation.
- It takes time to **hear** your invitation, **understand** your invitation, **accept** your invitation and **act** on your invitation. Repeating the message is okay and expected.
- Invite everyone to pick up the commitment card again (invite those who already committed to serve as a witness to others by joining in the exercise).

The Reveal

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Associate Director, Office of Stewardship & Development



BROCHURE

TOGETHER WE PRAY

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OUR GOAL \$9M

Our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* allows us to extend the reach of our faith beyond the walls of ourselves and our individual parishes. The impact we have in our community is all thanks to the kindness, grace, and generosity of our diocesan family. The power of unity and sacrifice can lead to remarkable achievements beyond our imagination. "When we come together, our selfless actions can do things we never thought possible," said Bishop Parkes.

Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, we served 214,189 meals and sheltered 1,552 clients through Catholic Charities; have six new seminarians studying for the priesthood; ordained eight men as permanent deacons; and held three visioning and implementation events. Together we are:

ENCOUNTERING GOD AND NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

- includes...
- Faith Formation & Evangelization
 - Ministry to Multicultural Communities
 - Ministry to Youth & Young Adults
 - and many more



EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

- includes...
- Diaconate Program & Formation
 - Seminarian Education & Support, & Promotion of Vocations
 - Vicar for Religious
 - and many more



ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

- includes...
- Clergy Care, Ministry to Priests & Continuing Education for Priests
 - Pope John Paul XXIII Retirement Center
 - Safe Environment Program
 - and many more



Visit www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal to see the full list of ministries supported.

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appealgift@dosp.org



WAYS TO GIVE
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Online at SupportMinistry.dosp.org
or scan the QR Code

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ENCOUNTERING GOD & NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

WORLD YOUTH DAY

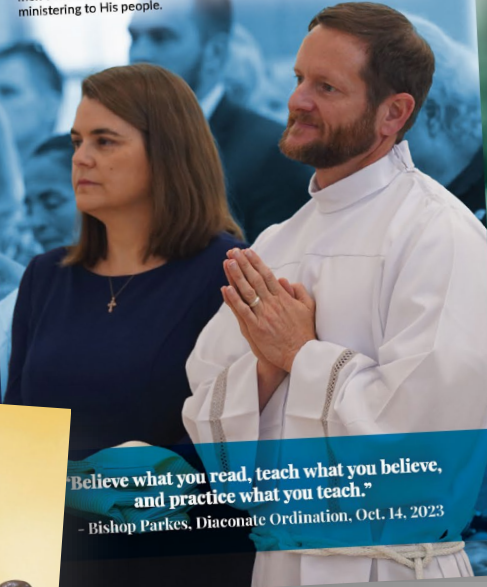
The *Ministry to Youth and Young Adults* pilgrimage to World Youth Day began on July 28, 2023. After three years of planning and financial support from generous sponsors and donors, college students, seminarians, youth ministers, diocesan staff, priests, parents, and adults from various parishes joined over one-million pilgrims as they encountered God, and like Mary, "arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39).



EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The *Office of the Diaconate* supports individuals in their discernment process as they embark on a five-year journey of formation, marked by rigorous study and discernment, which actively engages their entire families. In 2023, this transformative experience has led to the heartfelt commitment of eight men who have answered God's call to serve and dedicate themselves to ministering to His people.



"Believe what you read, teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach."
- Bishop Parkes, Diaconate Ordination, Oct. 14, 2023

ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

EUCCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Our *Missionary Discipleship* Ministry and other diocesan and parish ministry leaders supported more than 700 people on their spiritual journey to further deepen their love of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Being missionary disciples means being active witnesses that Christ is alive and at work with us today and everyday thereafter.



"Jesus allowed himself to be broken on the cross,
to be broken in the Holy Eucharist... He's one with
us, even in the midst of our brokenness."
- Mother Olga, Eucharistic Encounter, Sept. 16, 2023



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PLEDGE CARD



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<Cons ID>

<Primary Addressee>

<Address>

<City>, <State> <Zip>

<Email>

<Mobile Phone>

<Parish Name>, <Parish City>

Please make corrections to any information above.

LCI Bar code

LCI Appeal Code

**MONTHLY
COMMITMENT**

OR

**ONE-TIME
COMMITMENT**

- \$<50>/month
 \$<100>/month
 \$<175>/month
 \$<250>/month
 Other \$ _____/month
- For _____ months
 Make this gift recurring
(until I choose to stop)
- First installment enclosed**
\$ _____
 Check Cash

- \$<100> one-time
 \$<250> one-time
 \$<500> one-time
 \$<1,000> one-time
 Other \$ _____
- Send me a reminder in**
_____ (month)
OR
 Payment enclosed
\$ _____
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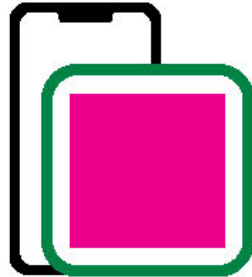
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PLEDGE CARD



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OTHER WAYS TO GIVE



QR CODE
Scan to give



CREDIT CARD OR EFT
<XXXX.dosp.org>



SPECIALTY GIFTS
stock-iradonations@dosp.org

Visit www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal to learn about gift designations, leaving a legacy, and more!

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DEEP FLAP IN-PEW

GLUE STRIP AREA – NO PRINT ZONE



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GIVE ONLINE

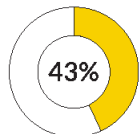
Scan the code or visit our secure website to make a gift by credit card or EFT.

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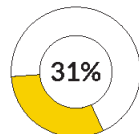


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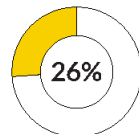
Gifts to the Catholic Ministry Appeal allow Catholics of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to nurture spiritual life, embrace God's call to serve and accompany our missionary disciples. Visit www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal to learn more.



Encountering God and Nurturing Our Spiritual Life



Embracing God's Call to Serve



Accompanying Our Missionary Disciples

SHORTENED FLAP AREA – NO PRINT ZONE

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile Home Work

Parish: **Parish # - Parish Name, City**

GIFT INFORMATION

MONTHLY

OR

ONE-TIME

1 \$50 \$175

\$100 \$250

Other \$ _____

2 For _____ months

Make this gift recurring
(until I choose to stop)

3 First installment enclosed

\$ _____

Check Cash

1 \$100 \$500

\$250 \$1,000

Other \$ _____

2 Send me a reminder in _____ (month)

OR

Payment enclosed

\$ _____

Check Cash

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SEAL AREA FOR GLUE STRIP – NO PRINT ZONE

Our Catholic Ministry Appeal allows us to extend the reach of our faith beyond the walls of ourselves and our individual parishes in many ways, such as:

- 12,288 students enrolled in Catholic Schools
- 214,189 meals served and 1,552 clients sheltered
- 8 men ordained as permanent deacons
- 3 Visioning & Implementation events
- 6 new Seminarians studying for the priesthood

And so much more...

We are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals as we foster a stronger and more vibrant community. Please consider making a commitment to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.



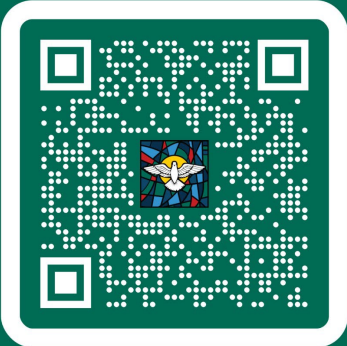
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for your gift
of postage

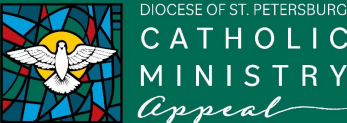
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LARGE POSTER

GIVE TOGETHER
GIVE TODAY
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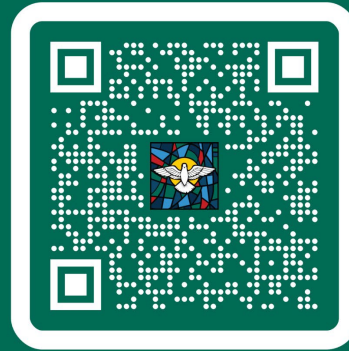
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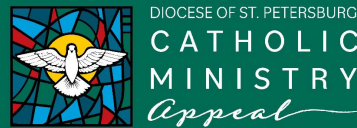
ONLINE GIVING



**GIVE TOGETHER
GIVE TODAY**
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WWW.DOSP.ORG



Together, through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we respond to the needs of our local communities and support Catholics throughout their lives. With your gift, you are nurturing spiritual life, embracing God's call to serve and accompanying missionary disciples in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In the spirit of faith and mission, please consider making a commitment to the **2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal** for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Your Gift Supports:

- + Catholic Schools
- + Marriage and Family Life
- + Catholic Charities
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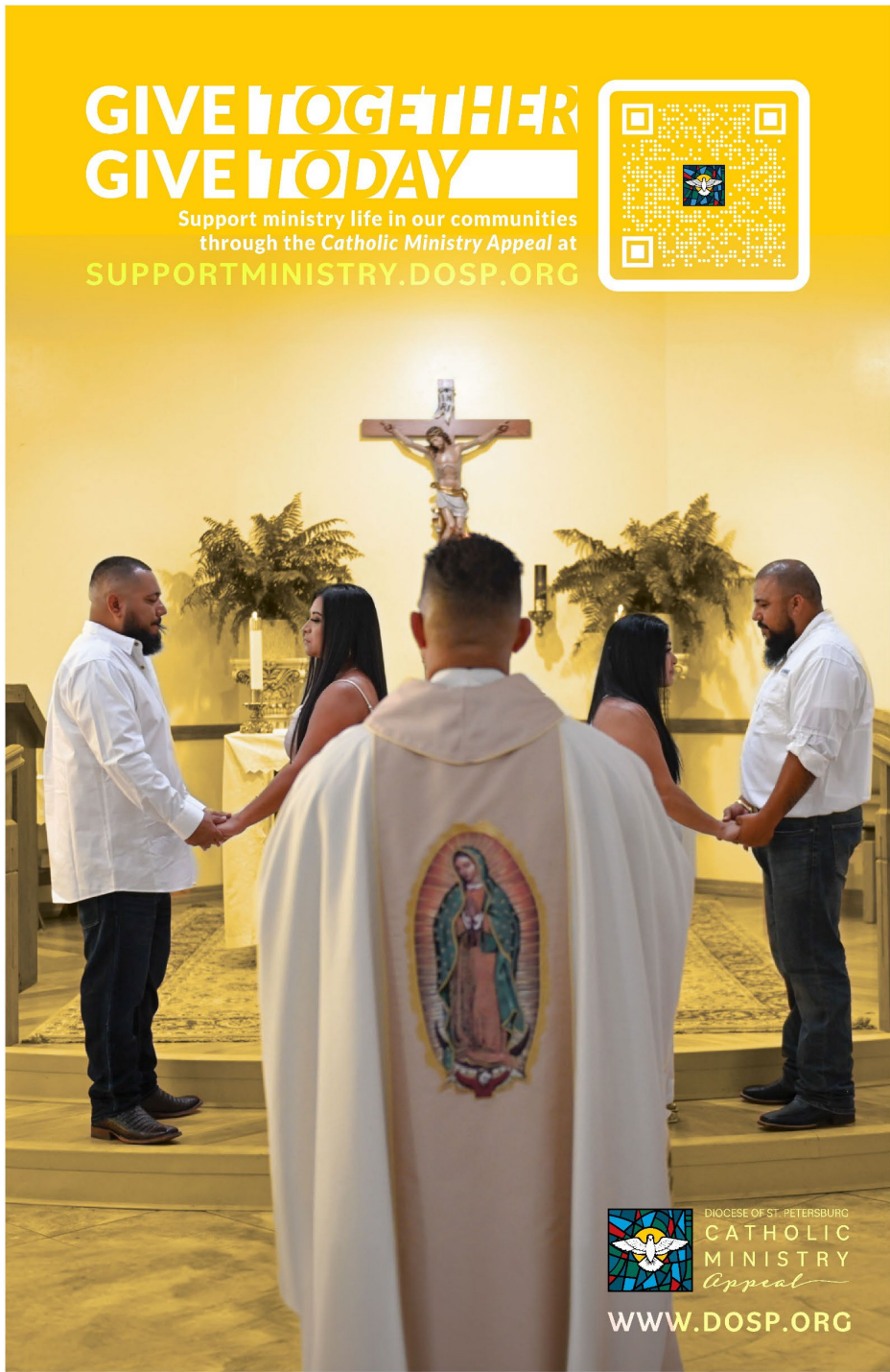
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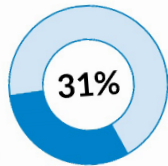


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EIGHT MEN ORDAINED AS PERMANENT DEACONS

The **Diaconate Program & Formation Ministry** is one of six diocesan ministries that embrace God's call to serve, and actively carry out His mission and ministry with love, gratitude and concern for others. These ministries encourage all to act, expressing God's saving love within us. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group will receive \$2.7 million, or 31%, of the total \$9 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



More than 100 Deacons serve throughout our diocese at parishes as well as in larger ministries such as Tampa and Pinellas Hope, and St. Vincent de Paul, and in our communities at hospitals, fire departments, and police and sheriff departments. Wherever a need is identified by Bishop Parkes, our deacons step in to assist.

Our Diaconate Office offers ongoing guidance to them in their ministry and continuing formation opportunities. In addition, they also plan and supervise the diaconate formation program, bringing new men into this vital ministry.

This past October, we celebrated the Ordination of eight men to the Permanent Diaconate – one of the largest groups

newly Ordained and now serving at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Land O'Lakes. "We helped each other all through out in different ways, whether it was academic or struggling with something in life. We have really formed great friendships that will continue."

The multi-year formation process is vigorous and includes graduate level coursework. As many candidates are married with children or grandchildren, the commitment of time can be daunting. However, as Deacon Shawn Ryan now serving at St. Stephen Parish in Valrico shared, it was a very rewarding experience. "Its impact on my life, my marriage, my relationship with my daughter... we've grown together personally, spiritually, in our lives, in the parish."

through donations to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. "I'd like to thank everyone who has and will continue to support the Catholic Ministry Appeal shared Deacon Grimaudo. "The Diaconate is very important to our Diocese, to the Church. Thank you so much for help on this journey."

"We have really formed great friendships that will continue."



DEACON J. GRIMAUDO
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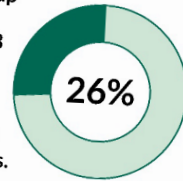


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TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES IN CHRIST

The **Eucharistic Revival and Encounter, and Mission Advancement Initiatives** is one of 7 diocesan ministries that is instrumental in the formation of the faithful as "Missionary Disciples," serving as living witnesses to Christ's message and love and serving those most in need. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group of ministries will receive \$2.3 million, or 26%, of the total \$9 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



"At first, when I came, I didn't know if I wanted to come," said Paul Nguyen, Holy Martyrs of Vietnam Parishioner. "But when I stepped in this environment, the Holy Spirit got me. It got me excited. After listening to the first song, I felt or encountered the Spirit coming to me. And then the first speaker was talking to us about Jesus wanting to be closer."

Paul was one of nearly 700 people representing 65 churches from all five counties of our Diocese attended the Eucharistic Encounter on September 16, 2023, at the JW Marriott Hotel in downtown Tampa. And another 700 joined throughout the day via livestream to renew their devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. Speakers

at the event included Curtis Martin of FOCUS, Father Tim Anastos of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Sister Ana Chiara of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, John Bergsma of the St. Paul Center, and Mother Olga Yaqob of the Sacred Heart, founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth.

"We have talked so much today about the Lord's presence," said Bishop Parkes in his Homily. "He will be truly present on this altar before us here this evening. How will this encounter today be transformational in your life?"

Upon leaving Deacon Rafael Ferreris, Jr., of Sacred Heart Parish Tampa shared, "Today was so much more than I could have ever imagined. I have

had a great love for the Eucharist, but today this is such a beautiful shot in the arm... thank you for bringing us here today and allowing us to participate in this. And I thank our diocese for hosting this - I hope to see more!"

"Today was so much more than I could have ever imagined."



DEACON RAFAEL FERRERIS, JR.
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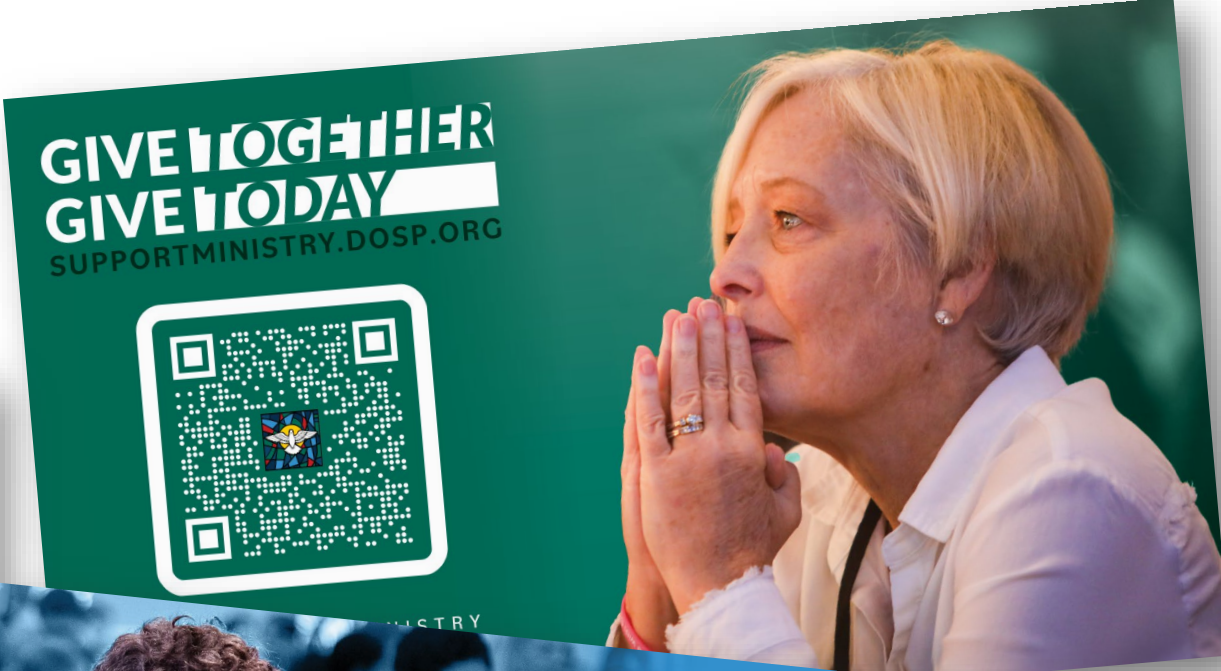
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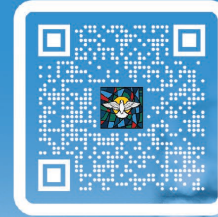
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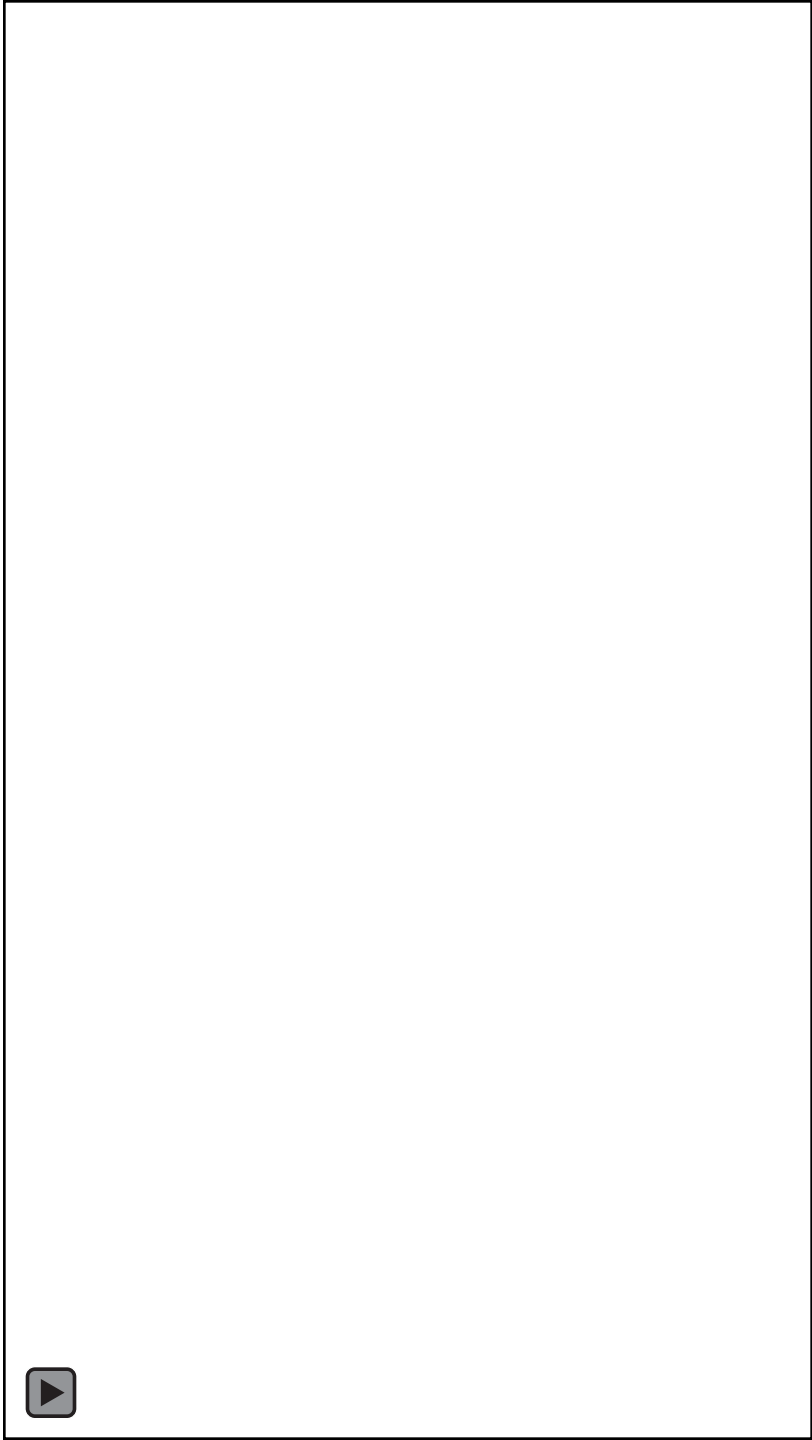
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Additional Parish Resources

Video

Teaser Video (30 seconds)

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... and more!



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In-pew pledge envelopes
Brochures
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Week of
Jan. 9th

TOGETHER WE PRAY
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



OUR GOAL \$9M
Our Catholic Ministry Appeal allows us to extend the reach of our faith beyond the walls of our parishes and our individual parishes. The impact we have in our community is all thanks to the kindness, grace, and generosity of our diocesan family. The power of unity and sacrifice can lead to remarkable achievements beyond our imagination. "When we come together, our selfless actions can do things we never thought possible," said Bishop Porras.

Through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we served 214,289 meals and sheltered 1,552 clients through Catholic Charities; have six new seminarians; studying for the priesthood; ordained eight men as permanent deacons; and held three visioning and implementation events. Together we are:

ENCOUNTERING GOD AND NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE
Includes:
• Faith Formation & Evangelization
• Ministry to Multicultural Communities
• Ministry to Youth & Young Adults
• and many more

EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE
Includes:
• Diaconate Programs & Formation
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• Year for Refugees
• and many more


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Includes:
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Our Catholic Ministry Appeal allows us to extend the reach of our faith beyond the walls of our parishes and our individual parishes in many ways, such as:

- 12,288 students enrolled in Catholic Schools
- 8 men ordained as permanent deacons
- 3 Visioning & Implementation events
- 6 new seminarians studying for the priesthood

And so much more...

We are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals as we foster a stronger and more vibrant community. Your contribution is a commitment to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

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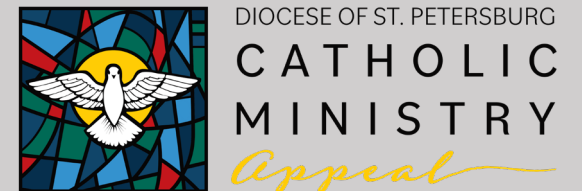
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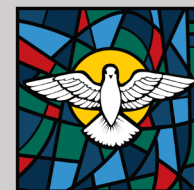
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Closing & blessing

Most Rev. Gregory Parkes
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg



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