



FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Annual Report



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OUR MISSION

We, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Petersburg, are a joyful community of disciples proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

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A Message FROM BISHOP GREGORY PARKES

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD; THE LORD WILL BE THEIR TRUST.”

JEREMIAH 17:7

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you with deep gratitude as we continue to courageously live the Gospel in West Central Florida. The Diocese of Saint Petersburg is celebrating another year filled with God’s abundant blessings. Even in a year marked by recovery from two hurricanes—when so many parishioners endured severe damage to their homes and livelihoods—we came together as one Body in Christ to offer assistance, hope, and healing. As our Pastoral Plan, [A Call to Conversion](#), reminds us, we have placed God first in all things, loved as God loves, and served as Christ serves.

It is deeply encouraging to witness how our diocesan family has united in faith and generosity. Parishioners like you have shared your gifts out of love for God and neighbor. These acts of kindness reflect the heart of true discipleship. Through your tangible commitments, thousands of people in need throughout our diocese experienced the love and mercy of Christ this past year. Your generosity helped form 25 diocesan seminarians, educate 13,638 Catholic school students, and provide housing for 5,258 neighbors in need—including families displaced by the hurricanes.

In a spirit of gratitude, we have prepared the 2024–2025 Annual Report to account for the gifts entrusted to us. It is important not only to share the

financial resources that support our operations but also to celebrate the ministries and services made possible by your contributions. As in past years, an online version is available, and I warmly invite you to explore the vital work your commitments allow the Diocese to undertake.

Thank you once again for your faithful support in carrying out our shared mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory Parkes

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
Bishop of Saint Petersburg



See Your Impact

RESTORING DIGNITY, REBUILDING LIVES

Through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, six diocesan ministries that “embrace God’s call to serve” received 33% of our \$9.5 million goal to carry out works of mercy across the five counties. Among them, Catholic Charities’ Shelters of Hope—Pinellas Hope, Tampa Hope, and Pasco County Shelters—offer a path from crisis to stability with compassionate care, case management, and a plan toward permanent housing.

Opened in December 2021, Tampa Hope currently provides safe shelter and critical services for up to 234 adults, with an expansion underway to serve 335. Its mission is simple and urgent: help men and women secure permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

“The moment we were brought to Tampa Hope, we were welcomed,” shares Maria, a resident. “We were not judged;

we were accepted immediately.” On June 24, 2024, Tampa Hope broke ground on a new community center—the heart of the campus—featuring a full kitchen and dining area, restrooms, laundry facilities, showers, a salon, and more. “The community center will be the focal point of the shelter,” says Maggie Rogers, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, “bringing essential services together so guests can take the next steps toward stability.”

Your gift to the Catholic Ministry Appeal fuels this life-changing work—transforming welcome into hope, and hope into home.

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“Homelessness is not easy, but when you have staff that welcome you with open arms, give you hope, cheer you on—there is hope.”

—
Maria,
Tampa Hope
resident

234+ adults receive shelter at Tampa Hope



SERVICE THAT SPARKS FAITH

Kaito, a teen from St. Paul Catholic Church, signed up for the Good Samaritan Project (GSP) to fulfill service hours. He left with something far deeper, an encounter with Christ that led him into the Catholic Church. “GSP was kind of my turning point,” he says. “I was formerly an atheist, and becoming Catholic was a slow progression, but also a ramping up, and GSP was basically my big sign.”

Hosted at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School and led by our Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, GSP gathers teens for a week of hands-on service, prayer, and community. Support from the Catholic Ministry Appeal helps make this week of encounter and discipleship possible. “Through service, I encountered a Church that welcomed me, and a God who was already seeking me,” said Kaito. This year, 371 participants—teens, chaperones, and young adult leaders—served together. Fourteen seminarians joined throughout the week, modeling joyful discipleship and inspiring the next generation to consider God’s call.

The impact reaches both ways. Those served receive tangible help; those serving are transformed from the inside out. GSP reminds us that mission isn’t only about what we do—it’s about who we become in Christ. Stories like Kaito’s show how grace works through simple acts of love to change hearts, one student at a time.

371

teens,
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adult leaders
participated



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“Initially, it was for service hours, but I was also kind of hoping there would be some sort of answers given to me as I continued exploring my faith, and God answered.”

—
Kaito,
Good Samaritan
Project participant



PROVIDING FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS



“I’m actually more independent here than I was before.”

—
Monsignor Daly,
resident

Our priests have spent their lives in dedicated service to bring the Sacraments and Christ’s mercy to our communities. Through the Catholic Ministry Appeal, nine ministries that support priests and vocations receive 44% of our \$9.5 million goal—ensuring they have the formation, care, and resources to continue serving with joy.

In partnership with Angels Senior Living, the Diocese opened the St. John XXIII Residence—an assisted living home designed for priests, religious sisters, and Catholic adults with disabilities or in need across Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, and Citrus counties. “This assisted living facility feels like a home, not an institution,” says Monsignor Mike Muhr, appointed by Bishop Gregory Parkes to lead the initiative. “The space is designed with the residents in mind, with attention to their needs as they age, so they will continue to be loved and cared for.”

Anchored in prayer and community, the residence offers Mass six days a week in a 40-seat chapel, as well as the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, weekly Adoration, and Bible study—embracing residents with the devotions that have sustained their vocations. Your gift to the Catholic Ministry Appeal helps provide a dignified home for those who have given us so much. Join us in honoring their service—your generosity makes this care possible.



45 retired
priests cared for
by the Diocese



ENGAGING YOUNG CATHOLICS

Our Ministry to Youth and Young Adults helps thousands encounter Christ and grow as missionary disciples—through parish formation, leadership development, and diocesan gatherings that strengthen faith and community. Supported by the Catholic Ministry Appeal, these efforts create on-ramps for teens and young adults to meet Jesus, deepen prayer, and answer His call to serve.

The Known Conference was the first Young Adult Conference in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg for young adults in their 20s and 30s. More than 300 attendees came together for praise and worship, compelling talks, Holy Mass, and authentic fellowship—connecting with ministries and apostolates from across West Central Florida. The fruit was evident: renewed prayer lives, new friendships, and a growing sense of mission.

“I see many young Catholics realizing that there’s a lot of chaos in the world.

Because of this, we need to come together, build the strength of our community, and stand firm against the cultural tides that challenge the Catholic faith,” said Noah McLellan, a young adult in our diocese.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministry Appeal sustains moments like Known—where young people discover they are seen and loved by God, and are sent to evangelize the world.

300+
young adults
gathered to worship
and connect



“In a world that tells us only our best parts should be seen, God calls us to live differently.”

—
Brittany DeHaan,
conference attendee

Faithful Stewards

A GRATEFUL RETURN TO THE LORD

Every gift is a prayer in action. Your commitment ensures that our mission to courageously live the Gospel is carried out to the fullest across our diocese. Faithful stewards like you help form disciples, defend family life, foster vocations, and extend the mercy of Christ to those most in need. Catholic stewardship is our grateful response to God's generosity. It is a way of life that places our gifts of time, talent, and treasure at the service of the Gospel. Thank you for saying "yes." Your generosity today bears fruit in the lives of thousands of people across the Diocese.



Mater Dei

The Mater Dei Giving Society honors individuals, families, and organizations whose generosity sustains ministries across our diocese, making Christ's love visible in our community. These faith-filled members are united in mission, and receive special recognition through appreciation events. We give thanks to God for the witness of Mater Dei stewards and the joy their gifts bring to our diocesan family.

“I donate because I know it is for a good cause. I believe it is better to give than to receive; that is my motto.”

—
Maria Jurkovich,
parishioner, St. Paul, St. Petersburg



Mater Caritatis Circle

The Mater Caritatis (Mother of Charity) Circle celebrates those who have given for 10 consecutive years. Your steadfast love is a quiet, powerful witness.



Mater Unitatis Circle

The Mater Unitatis (Mother of Unity) Circle recognizes those whose annual Catholic Ministry Appeal or other diocesan entity leadership gifts of \$5,000+ inspires others to join in building up the Kingdom of God.



Mater Spei Circle

The Mater Spei (Mother of Hope) Circle recognizes those who have committed to make legacy and estate gifts—such as endowments, charitable gift annuities, or naming the Diocese as a beneficiary—that secure the future of our ministries for generations to come.



Mater Ecclesiae Circle

The Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church) Circle honors businesses and organizations whose significant gifts strengthen our diocesan family and shared mission.



WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

We extend to you our grateful appreciation of your commitment. Any gift, large or small, makes our shared mission possible. The Mater Dei Giving Society is a special way for us to say thank you to our most

generous stewards. Mater Dei donors inspire many each year to join in this mission. Your generosity is transforming lives and renewing the Church. Visit www.dosp.org/MaterDei for more information about the Mater Dei Giving Society, and to see a digital donor wall.

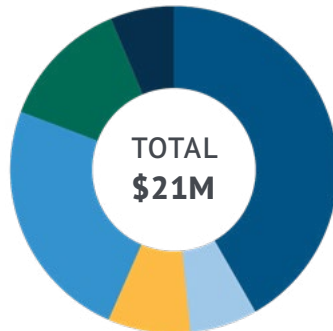
Financial Report

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

SOURCES OF REVENUE

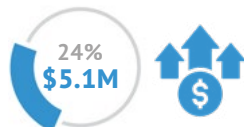
■ Catholic Ministry Appeal *	\$8,816,129.16
■ Program Revenues	\$5,116,056.34
■ Parish Sustainability Trust Grant	\$2,734,001.00
■ Cathedraticum	\$1,723,591.58
■ Bequests, Grants and Interest	\$1,405,348.56
■ School Assessment	\$1,328,693.03

Total Revenue **\$21,123,819.67**



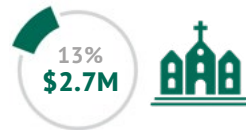
CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

This annual effort invites parishioners to participate in the good work of our shared mission. It runs over a calendar year and is utilized by ministries the following fiscal year.



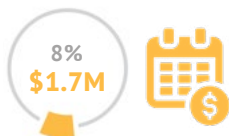
PROGRAM REVENUES

Registration fees for events and programs, as well as fees paid for diocesan support services, such as parish level bookkeeping and accounting.



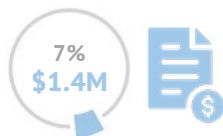
PARISH SUSTAINABILITY TRUST GRANT

An annual grant to the Diocese from investment earnings to cover administrative costs to sustain the operation of diocesan programs.



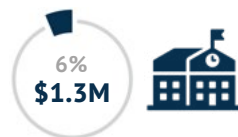
CATHEDRATICUM

Funds submitted by parishes each month, based on reported offertory and donations. Payments are based on current income, not past income.



BEQUESTS, GRANTS, & INTEREST

Legacy bequests from generous patrons, grants from organizations and foundations, and interest earnings.



SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Funds submitted by parishes in support of diocesan schools, ensuring children across the Diocese receive a high-quality Catholic education.

Funding Our Ministries*

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL



SUPPORT OF PARISH, SCHOOL, & DIOCESAN MINISTRIES
Programs offering ministerial and organizational support for parishes, schools, and diocesan ministries.



CATHOLIC FORMATION & EDUCATION
Programs which provide the Faithful with the opportunity to practice the Catholic Faith, study the teachings of the Church, and grow their relationship with Jesus Christ.



CLERGY, VOCATIONS, & SEMINARIAN FORMATION
Promotion and support of vocations to the priesthood, seminarian and diaconate formation, as well as support for religious and retired clergy.

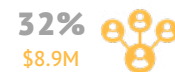


CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES
Services to the poor and vulnerable. Efforts are focused on protecting public safety, promoting the common good, and charitable outreach to those who need it most.



LEADERSHIP FORMATION
Professional development services for those in ministry to help others grow in the understanding that we are all called to accept and receive God's gifts and return them with increase to the Lord.

CATHEDRATICUM



PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
Leadership and guidance for all diocesan operations under the canonical direction of the Bishop, plus assessments which fund the universal Church.

PARISH SUSTAINABILITY TRUST GRANT



TEMPORAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
Fiscal and organizational support for parishes, schools, and diocesan ministries and services.

PROGRAM REVENUES



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Fiscal, organizational support and associated operational costs for programs and ministries related to the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries, Bethany Retreat Center, and Insurance Benefits Trust.



TOGETHER IN MISSION

Our Catholic Ministry Appeal is a direct invitation to support vital diocesan ministries. While this report reflects a fiscal year, the appeal runs on a calendar year, and 100% of gifts are restricted to the ministries outlined in this report. Across our diocese, all 80 parishes and missions join in the effort each year—sharing how appeal gifts transform lives. Parishes invite families to participate, and work toward their local goals to meet the

CALENDAR YEAR	2024	2025
GOAL	\$9M	\$9.5M
RAISED	\$9.9M	\$9.7M
DONOR PARTICIPATION	20%	17%

ever-growing needs of our community. Since its relaunch in 2022, our diocesan family has exceeded the overall Appeal goal each year. Thank you for your faithful support and for advancing Christ's mission in our five counties.

Thank You



Visit www.dosp.org/CatholicMinistryAppeal to learn more about how Catholics across the Diocese come together to courageously live the Gospel, bringing Christ's hope, mercy, and healing to West Central Florida.

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