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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."
- Pope Leo XIV

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

A Message From Bishop John O. Barres



Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year, I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity over the years in supporting your parish and the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

This year's CMA theme: *Sharing the Gospel with Others* is about offering a message of hope and encouragement, particularly to those who may be struggling in our community.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV reminds us, *"this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters."* Supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us a way to demonstrate that love, kindness, and compassion in our daily lives.

Your support of this Appeal exemplifies his call and is a concrete expression of your love for our brothers and sisters who are poor, vulnerable and in need of our services.

Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal assist seminarians and those in the diaconate program with their education costs. The CMA also funds various youth and young adult programs across our Diocese, including campus ministry programs at Long Island colleges. Catholic Charities of Long Island receives funding from the CMA as well so that they can help the community in need, such as seniors, veterans, and the families who are struggling.

Please join me again in making a gift to the 2026 CMA so that we can fulfill our Gospel mission to share hope and serve others across Long Island, building a brighter future for all.

Sincerely in Christ,
+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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Manus Christi (Hands of Christ) Society

The Manus Christi Legacy Society was formed to honor the individuals and families that have made long-term commitments to the Church through planned gifts such as bequests and charitable trusts, or have utilized the Diocese's resources to develop some other type of planned charitable gift.

Our community is already the beneficiary of thousands of gifts entrusted to the Church by generously minded individuals and families. Sometimes, gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of a Donor's life. The Legacy Society provides a way for the Diocese to recognize and thank Donors during their lifetimes as well as honor their memory after death.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I become a member?

You are already eligible for membership in the Manus Christi Legacy Society if you have made arrangements in your will or through another form of planned gift that either benefits your parish, the Diocese or other local Catholic ministry. Simply notify us of your plans by completing the form below.

2. Can someone help me prepare a will or estate plan?

Yes. If you contact the Diocese we can provide you with a list of estate planning professionals in our community. In addition, our staff will be happy to discuss your needs and charitable intent and suggest appropriate options that are customized to meet your philanthropic goals. You also have the opportunity to do your Will at no-cost at freewill.com/drvc.

3. What benefits do I receive as a member of the Manus Christi Legacy Society?

Members receive a small token of our appreciation signifying their enrollment in the Legacy Society and will be recognized in our Annual Report and other publications. In addition, you will be invited to a special reception with Bishop John O. Barres exclusively for new Legacy Society members as we schedule events each year. Most importantly, you gain the benefit of knowing your gift will have a lasting impact on the community for generations to come.

4. How do I find out more about the Manus Christi Legacy Society?

If you have any questions about the Legacy Society please reach out to Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257.

TO JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

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HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE



Office of Vocations

Dates of Event:

2/27, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15

Description:

Join us for Nightwatch, our monthly evenings of adoration with guest speakers, confessions, and fellowship. Each night will begin at 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Point Look Out.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



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