

## Sent on Mission – Keeping the Fire Burning in Our Young People

This year your support of the 2025 Appeal will allow us to sponsor more than 50 Catholic students from Campus Ministry in their journey to grow in their Catholic Faith and even discern a vocation by sponsoring them to attend the 2026 SEEK conference.

SEEK is the annual conference hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). The 5-day conference shares the mercy, truth, and love of Jesus Christ through dynamic talks, time for prayer, daily Mass, and inspiring entertainment.

*“Campus Ministry is a great way to find students with similar interests. If I didn’t participate, I may not have been confirmed (during my college years). It’s an exciting way for me to be involved and grow in my faith. I’m so happy to be a part of it. It’s like having a family.”* shared Sara, Campus Ministry Participant



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### Thank you for your unwavering support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Your donations truly make a difference. We, along with those you read about today, extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity.

100% of every dollar raised was restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.



# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
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## 2025 IMPACT REPORT

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*





Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your commitment exemplifies the final phase of the Eucharistic Revival, where we are sent on mission to bring God's love into our Long Island communities. It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities of Faith.

Your gifts help to enkindle the missionary fire in others by supporting the education of our seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders as they prepare to serve in our diocese. Your gifts also help keep that fire burning in our young people in religious education classes and those participating in Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministry, and programs such as Camp Quo Vadis.

It is thanks to donors like you that individuals in need get the help they deserve. Our Respect Life initiatives, our Catholic Charities and parish social ministry programs, and our food pantries, all can work tirelessly and passionately because of your support.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Church and mission. I keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ

+ *John O. Barres*  
Bishop John O. Barres



### *Sent on Mission – Answering God's Call to the Priesthood*

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal creates a diocesan-wide culture that supports vocations, through promotion, education, and parish-based efforts to raise awareness of the priesthood.

Fr. Joseph Lettieri heard the call to the priesthood early on and his calling grew in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. Ordained in 2024, Fr. Lettieri serves as an Associate Pastor at St. Dominic in Oyster Bay.

*"The Catholic Ministries Appeal is so important to the life of our Catholic community. Giving to the Appeal cements the future of our Diocese with good priests and good formation as well as many ministries for the life of the Church on Long Island."*



### *Sent on Mission – to Respond to God's Call to Serve Others*

Last year we met Kerri, the Director of Parish Social Ministry at St. Patrick in Bay Shore, who inspired by the love of Jesus in the Eucharist, sends that love to others.

*"Working in Parish Social Ministry renews my faith when I witness the volunteers bringing God's love to the clients, who may have lost that love in themselves. We are letting them know that there is hope in the world and God is there for them."*

*"Thank God for St. Patrick's...they give the homeless and people a place to go, a spiritual release, a safe place to talk to people, to have good conversation, and you don't have to worry about anyone bothering you."*

– Client, St. Patrick Outreach



### *Sent on Mission – to Show Love and Care for Others*

Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels ministry delivers nutritious meals to home-bound individuals, such as seniors or those with disabilities, who are unable to cook or shop for themselves. It is a national network of local organizations that often provides not just food, but also companionship and a safety check.

Last year we were introduced to Barbara, an 85 year-old senior whose shoulder problems make lifting heavy pots for cooking a painful experience.

The meals she receives from her driver, Jay, are both delicious and nutritious. Jay also delivers good cheer during his weekly visits and says he's never met anyone quite like Barbara. Besides bringing tasty meals, our Meals on Wheels drivers lift the spirits of seniors who often live alone and don't have many visitors.