



Your gifts bring hope and love to those in need.

Joanne has been a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) for 13 years. After her husband suffered a serious stroke she needed to make changes in her home for her husband to return home.

“It was so hard to grasp all the things I needed to do. I reached out to the Parish Social Ministry at OLQM and Maria Ryan, Director of Outreach directed me to a gentleman who helped me rearrange my home to make it handicap accessible. I received consolation and reassurance from the volunteers of Parish Outreach and I felt relieved and had a sense of belonging to this parish which is so amazing. We are also blessed to be a part of the Adopt a Grandparent Program. We are always remembered during the holidays and birthdays. With grace, gentility, and true concern, we are not alone, we have OLQM. We have the sense of reassurance that if something does not go right, there is peace of mind, like belonging to an extended family.” shared Joanne, parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport

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Highlights for 2023:

- Each year, Catholic Charities of Long Island journeys with people in need and provides more than a million loving, face-to-face services to our Long Island neighbors.
- Established by Bishop Barres, Camp Quo Vadis held its 7th annual event helping young people build a relationship with God, to understand and learn where they are going and where God is calling them to go -- whether it's a calling to a vocation to the priesthood or other religious life or to married life, our youth learn to listen to God and His plan for them.
- On **June 10, 2023**, the Most Reverend John O. Barres ordained three men to the priesthood. Ordained were Rev. Mr. Steven McClernon, Rev. Mr. Ditto Subin Wilson, M.Id., and Rev. Mr. Jinwoo (Michael) Nam. Father Steven McClernon will serve as a priest in the Diocese of Rockville, and Father Subin Wilson, M.Id., and Father Jinwoo (Michael) Nam, M.Id., were ordained for the Idente Missionaries and will serve at diocesan parishes administered by the religious institute.
- On **May 20, 2023**, Most Reverend John O. Barres ordained six men to the permanent Diaconate. (Paul Cavanagh, Michael Hoonhout, Cary Klivan, Douglas Moran, Michael O'Brien, and James Totino).
- Our Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics (Respect Life), continues its monthly Rosary for Life in addition to maintaining its ongoing Respect Life initiatives that build a civilization of love and life which upholds the dignity and inviolability of all innocent human life.



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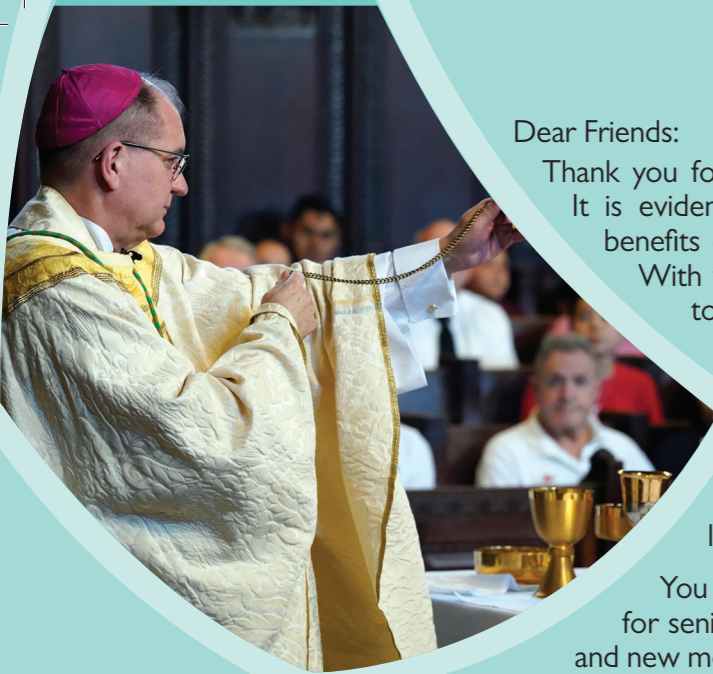
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One Family—Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. It is evident that when we come together as a diocese we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. With your support of the CMA, we have come together as One Family to journey in faith and love with others by evangelizing and serving those in need.

Your gifts to the CMA were vital in keeping our ministries financially secure and pulsating so that we can minister to those who come to us in need of basic necessities and spiritual growth. There are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses, especially our seniors and single female households.

You helped Catholic Charities increase its outreach, maintain housing for seniors and people with disabilities while providing support to pregnant and new moms.

My blessings and prayers to you and your families for a blessed and healthy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the formation of our priests so that they can journey with us to grow Jesus Christ's mission.



When he was in junior high school, Father Christopher Heller had something stirring in his heart. He followed that call and believed God was telling him to take a step toward the seminary. Through high school and college, he admired many priests he had met; it was through everyday prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary, that he developed a true intimacy with God.

"It was really a joyful moment to realize that Jesus Christ was calling me to the vocation of the priesthood. The CMA has truly been important in my formation in the seminary and has helped me fulfill my calling to the priesthood." shared Father Chris Heller, Parochial Vicar of St. Dominic in Oyster Bay and Chaplain of St. Dominic High School

Your gifts allow Catholic Charities to serve others with love.

The Parish Social Ministry department of Catholic Charities provides training, spiritual and emotional support, resources and sometimes just a voice of comfort at the other end of the phone to those who work at our many Parish Outreach Programs. At the parish level, the coordinators, staff and volunteers are tasked with assessing the needs in the local community, figuring out ways to address those needs and then engaging the parish community to work together to meet those needs.

The Catholic Charities Information and Referral (CIR) line is another way that Parish Social Ministry journeys with the vulnerable people in need on Long Island. Each year there are more than 1,000 callers and referral services.

"My faith allows me to serve others with love, gentleness, compassion, and tenderness. I always ask the Holy Spirit to help me listen with my heart so I can extend mercy to others without asking me to receive," shared Elizabeth Ramirez, Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Developer



Your gifts bring our Catholic Faith to our young adults at colleges across Long Island.

"Our job at Hofstra Campus Ministry is to evangelize, and we do that by forming relationships with people, being visible to them, celebrating mass on Sundays and Wednesdays, praying the rosary. Faithful young people are present here and they are on fire and they deeply desire to find Christ. They are seeking the truth and they will find it here in the Church." Gina, Campus Minister at Hofstra University.

"Hofstra 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. I'm thankful for all the people who are here and those who came before me to make this ministry happen," shared Sara, Campus Ministry participant.

