

# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



## A Message From Bishop John O. Barres

The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. The final phase “Going out on Mission” encourages us to go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another. It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity.

Every year, because of your support, the Annual Catholic Appeal gives us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God’s love. By serving the Lord with gladness, we can see the impact it has on so many lives, including our own. The ministries that rely on the Appeal are wide-ranging and have a direct impact on the Church and people of God throughout the Diocese.

I personally invite you to continue this mission by joining me again this year in making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we will embrace our apostolic roots and show the world how beautiful it is to be Catholic!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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.

#### ***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 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  
CLICK HERE](#)

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE



The Church around the world looks toward 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope marking the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord.

As the Holy Father explained in his February 2022 letter regarding the Jubilee Year: *“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...”*

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