

2019

Catholic Services Appeal



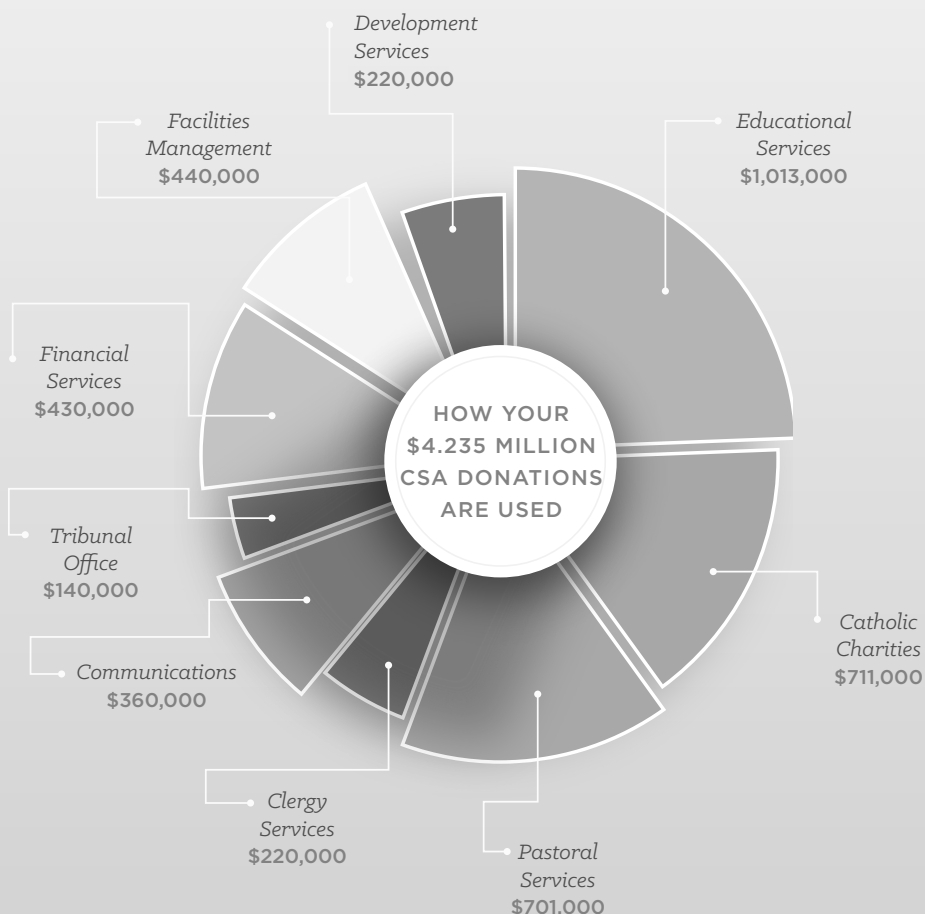
THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) is the annual fundraising campaign for the 13-county Diocese of Erie. Parishioners are asked by Bishop Lawrence Persico for financial support that extends beyond individual parishes to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the diocese. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church.

FORWARD TOGETHER

...with truth ... with hope ...with Christ

Where do CSA funds go?

ALL CSA FUNDS RAISED will be placed in a designated account and used exclusively and solely to support the initiatives and ministries of the diocese to benefit all parishes in Northwest PA. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis.



PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT through your parish. Thank you for supporting the 2019 CSA Appeal.



How the \$4,235,000 CSA Donations are Used

////////// \$1,013,000

EDUCATION SERVICES includes the Catholic Schools Office support for 33 Catholic schools. Coordinates the work of religious education programs for youth and adults, youth ministry, campus ministry, chastity education and Natural Family Planning throughout the diocese. Includes the Office of Faith Formation and scholarship assistance.

////////// \$711,000

CATHOLIC CHARITIES provides health care, social and pastoral services for those in need, regardless of faith. Joy Ministries offers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities an opportunity to grow in their faith. The Social Justice and Life Office educates on matters of social justice and the dignity of life. Family Life Office provides resources to prepare and enhance marriage and family relationships.

////////// \$701,000

PASTORAL SERVICES includes the diocesan Office of Worship which offers workshops and help for all aspects of liturgy, the spiritual formation and training of liturgical ministers, and the preparation of parish and diocesan liturgies. The office supports presiders, music directors, liturgy committees and pastoral councils by encouraging the full, active and conscious participation by all the people in every liturgical celebration.

Also under Pastoral Services, the Diocese of Erie is committed to the protection of children. Through the Office for Protection of Children and Youth, all diocesan, parish, Catholic school, and agency personnel and volunteers complete the diocesan "Creating a Safe Environment" training and obtain appropriate clearances.

////////// \$440,000

FACILITIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT is a resource to parishes on physical plant matters, safety issues and accident prevention, and environmental and regulatory compliance. Provides guidance on construction and renovation projects when appropriate.

////////// \$430,000

FINANCIAL SERVICES Office assists parishes, schools and affiliated agencies to acquire and administer necessary temporal goods prudently, professionally and in accordance with church law. Offers guidance to our clergy and parish staff regarding property and health insurances.

////////// \$360,000

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE evangelizes through its website, Faith magazine, social media and the diocesan e-news. All Catholic households registered in parishes may receive *Faith* free of charge.

////////// \$220,000

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES grant to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania for operating expenses and costs related to CSA and other diocesan fundraising by trained fundraising professionals. An independent Catholic lay board of directors offers long-term investment expertise and oversight of endowment holdings.

////////// \$220,000

CLERGY SERVICES operates in the Chancery, which provides guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, clergy and people throughout the diocese. The permanent diaconate provides outreach to those in need through ministry of the Word, the liturgy, and works of charity. Priests and deacons receive ongoing education on various pastoral ministries.

////////// \$140,000

TRIBUNAL OFFICE is a resource for persons seeking annulments. It educates pastoral ministers who prepare couples for marriage or assist persons seeking an annulment. Offers classes for priests, deacons and lay ministers.



Questions?

Inquire to your parish office.