

Catholic Services Appeal

FORWARD TOGETHER: Doing the Work of Christ



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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.



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

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.

DONATIONS TO THE CSA MAKE THE FOLLOWING WORK OF CHRIST POSSIBLE:

EVANGELIZATION

- The Communications Office spreads the Word of Christ through *Faith* magazine, the diocesan web site, social media and e-news formats.

PROMOTING JUSTICE AND SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED

- Catholic Charities affiliates and agencies feed the hungry and give clothing, shelter and dignity to neighbors in need in northwest Pennsylvania.
- Disabilities Ministry and the Ministry with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing promote religious growth of individuals and their inclusion in the fellowship and spirituality of the church.
- The Social Justice and Life Office educates parishes and individuals on Catholic social teaching, matters of social justice and a consistent ethic of life.
- The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth coordinates the training and screening of all diocesan, parish and Catholic school personnel to promote a safe environment for children.
- CSA supports ministries such as Maria House, prison ministries, the Hispanic Apostolate and the Word of Life Renewal Center.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AND PROVIDING SUPPORT TO PARISHES

- The Office of Worship coordinates bishop's liturgies throughout the diocese and provides support to parishes in liturgy preparation and formation.
- The Tribunal Office serves as a resource for persons seeking annulments and preparing for marriage. It also educates pastoral ministers who prepare couples for marriage or assist persons seeking an annulment.
- Facilities Management functions as a resource to parishes on physical plant matters, safety issues and accident prevention, and environmental and regulatory compliance.

- The Financial Services Office assists the diocese and its parishes, schools and affiliated agencies with regards to temporal goods as well as property and health insurances.
- The CSA supports the pastoral leadership that shepherds our church.

CULTIVATING CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

- The Catholic Schools Office supports Catholic education in 32 Catholic schools in the diocese.
- Lifelong faith formation initiatives throughout the diocese include youth and young adult ministry opportunities, family life outreach and support for parish-based faith formation efforts.
- Clergy services provide ongoing education to priests and deacons, as well as guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, pastors and people throughout the diocese.
- Tuition assistance programs help make Catholic education a possibility for families throughout the diocese.

CREATING A LASTING CATHOLIC LEGACY

- CSA funds provide a grant to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. The Foundation is in service to all parishes, schools and Catholic ministries in the diocese by helping to establish our Catholic legacy through endowments. It also provides professional fund development and CSA appeal assistance to the Diocese of Erie.

PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT through your parish. Thank you for supporting the 2020 CSA Appeal.

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Questions?

Inquire to your parish office.