



# One Faith One Family

## Three of the many ways your CSA generosity impacts hearts



### In Discipleship

“The energy and passion of over 400 students coming together was palpable,” reflected Deacon Steve Washek, director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Erie.

The diocesan-wide day-long confirmation retreat, a new initiative by the Office of Faith Formation, brought together students preparing for confirmation from across the region. Deacon Washek continued: “This retreat was a unique opportunity to help discover God and the offerings of faith for those who follow Him.”

Moments of adoration and confession became transformative experiences for many. As the event culminated with a Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico, the magnitude of its impact on the spiritual growth of the youth was evident.

**Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support our Office of Faith Formation, responding to Jesus’ desire for a relationship with His people by helping them make a joyful and authentic response to Him through all stages of life.**

### In Service

The St. Elizabeth Center in Oil City provides food, clothing and other resources to those in need. As a faith-based outreach, however, the dignity of the people they serve is uppermost in their approach.

Rather than being handed a bag of pre-selected food items, for instance, food pantry clients can make their own choices. “They get to choose a certain number of vegetables, the kinds of soups they like, cereal products and more,” says Jessica Struthers, who oversees the St. Elizabeth Center.

Volunteers in the center’s thrift shop also create a boutique look for those in need of clothing. The latest addition? A pop-up dressing room so people no longer have to guesstimate whether or not something suits them.

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### In Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do as Catholics. Creating a prayer walk, the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of Erie invited school leaders to deepen their commitment to praying for each other and their students this year.

Karrie Miller, principal of DuBois Central Catholic School, described the prayer walk as an inspirational journey and a time of reflection on the importance of prayer for our schools.

“We are not one school, we are an educational body, as a whole, evangelizing to the world and growing students in faith to carry this message with purpose and reverence,” said Miller.

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# 2024 CSA Goal: \$4,235,000

## 27% | Catholic Schools Office

The Catholic Schools Office in northwest Pennsylvania is dedicated to fostering academic excellence, leadership skills and personal growth among its students. With a strong grounding in Catholic mission and identity, the office ensures that students are educated in a manner that encourages them to embrace and serve God in all aspects of life.

## 22% | Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, along with its affiliate agencies, dedicates itself to assisting the less fortunate. This commitment is a living embodiment of the Gospel call to serve others in the spirit of Christ, bringing justice and compassion to those in need.

## 16% | Office of Communications

Initiated in 2004, *Faith* magazine remains a vital tool in the Diocese of Erie's commitment to invigorating the Catholic faith across all 13 counties of the diocese. This free publication, distributed four times a year to all registered parishioners, is complemented by a variety of digital media and social networking initiatives, all in line with the Gospel call to evangelize.

## 15% | Office of Faith Formation

The Office of Faith Formation aims to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ among individuals and parish faith formation leaders. Through a variety of resources and programs, the office addresses the spiritual needs of Catholics at all stages of life, guiding them to a more profound knowledge of their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

## 10% | Office of Clergy Services

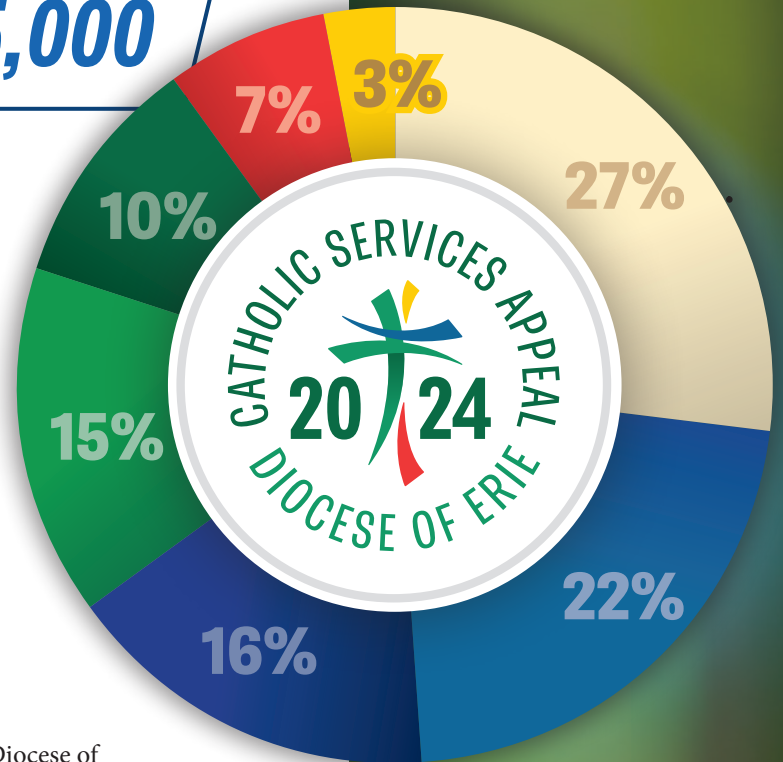
The Office of Clergy Services emphasizes the importance of supporting vocations and adhering to Bishop Persico's guidance for continual prayer and support. From ordination through retirement, clergy members are provided with spiritual retreats, educational opportunities and fellowship experiences to aid in their ministerial duties throughout the diocese.

## 7% | Pastoral Services

Pastoral Services supports the Diocese of Erie's commitment to Pope Francis's call for outreach to the marginalized in society. This fund facilitates the church's engagement with hospitals, prisons and nursing homes. The Office for Divine Worship contributes to the organization of significant liturgical events, including the annual Chrism Mass.

## 3% | Diocesan & International Missions Office

Aligned with Pope Francis' dream of a missionary Church, the Diocesan and International Mission Office promotes active missionary engagement locally and throughout the world. The office coordinates missionary education and missionary opportunities in parishes and schools, and supports the Mission of Friendship outreach in Yucatán, México. It also helps the diocese fulfill its canonical responsibility to support the Catholic Church's evangelization outreach.



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