



Diocese of Erie

2026 Catholic Services Appeal

*"Look to Christ!...
Listen to his offer of love
and become his one family:
in the one Christ, we are one."*
-Pope Leo XIV

In Christ, We Are One

ENCOUNTER CHRIST *In the Sacraments*



Each spring at the Chrism Mass, sacred oils are blessed and carried into every corner of our 13-county diocese. Priests and pastors rely on these oils into baptisms, confirmations, anointing of the sick and daily pastoral care, where parishioners, youth and the suffering encounter Christ in life's most defining moments. The sacred Chrism is used by the bishop during the ordination of new priests

Behind the scenes, diocesan offices coordinate each detail—ensuring hospitals, prisons, parishes, mission churches and campus ministries receive what they need to celebrate the sacraments faithfully. These sacred oils form a quiet thread that binds our diocese together, reminding us that no one serves alone and that countless sacramental moments begin at the cathedral.

Your generosity to the CSA ensures that these sacred oils reach every parish and ministry, allowing the faithful across Northwestern Pennsylvania to encounter Christ in the sacraments. *In Christ, we are one.*

LIVE CHRIST *Through Formation & Discipleship*

To live Christ is to be formed by grace and strengthened through community. Across the diocese, youth encounter Christ through retreats, parish formation and diocesan events that open their hearts to prayer and belonging. Many describe discovering for the first time that faith is more than information—it is a way of life.

This growth is made possible through the shared work of the Faith Formation Office, Catholic Schools Office, Pastoral Services and Communications. Together they equip catechists, families and parish leaders with consistent, mission-focused support that forms disciples of every age. Confirmation especially reveals this unity, as young people are strengthened not only by their parish but by our entire diocesan family.

Your CSA support makes this formation possible, helping every parish and school cultivate disciples who truly live Christ. *In Christ, we are one.*



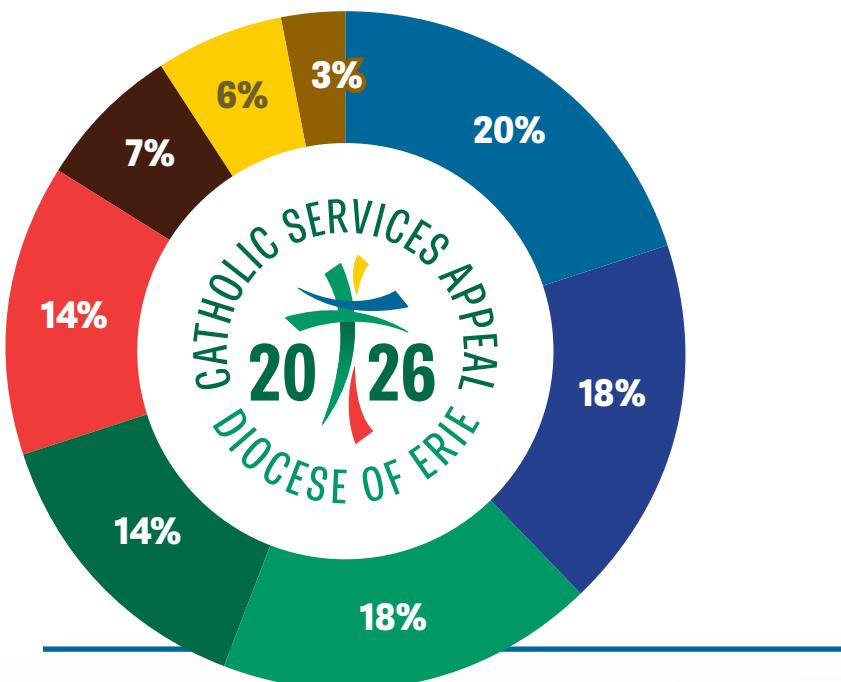
SHARE CHRIST *Through Missions & Mercy*



Sharing Christ means recognizing Him in the poor and responding with compassion. Across our diocese, parishioners, youth and pastors participate in mission efforts that bring hope to families with limited resources. Those who serve often return changed—realizing that those with the least frequently reveal the deepest faith.

Through the Missions Office, parishes receive guidance to sponsor families, nurture global partnerships and prepare volunteers for service. These efforts extend beyond our borders, while Catholic Charities and parish outreach programs ensure that mercy is present here at home. Together, these ministries bring Christ's love to those who need it most.

Your gift to the CSA strengthens these works of mercy, enabling our diocesan family to share Christ with the most vulnerable—locally and abroad. *In Christ, we are one.*



2026 CSA Goal TOTAL: \$4,235,000

14% Faith Formation

- Trains and mentors 500+ catechists and parish leaders
- Supports parish religious education and sacramental preparation
- Provides OCIA, marriage prep, family life and NFP support
- Leads diocesan retreats, events and youth/young adult initiatives including NCYC

14% Clergy Services

- Provides retreats, days of recollection, study days and continuing formation for priests and deacons
- Supports clergy assignments, transitions and pastoral planning
- Ensures sacramental coverage and pastoral support across the diocese

7% Pastoral Services

- Coordinates diocesan liturgies and sacramental celebrations like Chrism Mass and Confirmation
- Supports chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons and nursing homes
- Provides training for pastoral ministers and bereavement teams

3% Diocesan & International Missions

- Supports national and global missionary outreach
- Sustains the Mission of Friendship in Mérida, serving 150+ families yearly
- Provides mission education and formation for parishes and schools

20% Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance

- Supports Catholic school mission and identity
- Provides tuition assistance across the diocese
- Strengthens leadership through training and resources
- Assists with accreditation, enrollment and operational needs
- Ensures safe environments for children and youth

18% Catholic Charities

- Provides compassionate outreach across all 13 counties through a network of ministries — including Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Christ the King Manor, Good Samaritan Center, Prince of Peace Center, Saint John XXIII Home, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Center and Saint Martin Center — offering food assistance, housing support, counseling, emergency aid and long-term stability services
- Strengthens parish outreach through social services, respect life and social justice support
- Assists vulnerable families with emergency aid for housing, utilities and basic needs
- Advances diocesan work in maternal support, anti-trafficking efforts, adoption and family counseling

18% Communications

- Produces *Faith* magazine for 40,000 households, diocesan E-News and social media platforms
- Supports parishes with digital tools for websites, bulletins, graphics and messaging
- Strategic communications for the bishop, clergy, ministries and Catholic schools
- Provides media relations, press coverage and evangelization content

6% Seminary & Vocations

- Supports seminarians with housing, food and formation
- Provides education, mentorship and spiritual development
- Strengthens diocesan vocation outreach and discernment programs

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