



Diocese of Erie

2024 Catholic Services Appeal



*“That they may all be
one, as you, Father, are
in me and I in you.”*

John 17:21

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white wafer, with a white sleeve visible at the bottom left.

**One
Faith
One
Family**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), I want to ensure you are aware of the enormous impact your generosity has on our diocesan family.

The CSA unites us as *One Faith, One Family* to extend our reach beyond what any parish can provide on its own, allowing us to fulfill our mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments and provide hope to people in need.

While it's easy to talk about missions and grand ideas, in the pages of this brochure, we are sharing real, tangible ways your contribution to the CSA enriches lives.

Your help extends beyond merely keeping the lights on. It's about nourishing souls, whether it be through encouraging discipleship, offering service, creating opportunities for prayer or the many other ways that we share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Erie.

The Catholic Church's reach in northwest Pennsylvania is vast and varied, extending from bustling urban centers to tranquil rural landscapes. Your contribution to the CSA funds the work of diocesan offices in every corner of our diocese.

I invite you to participate in this year's CSA, making sure this beautiful work handed on through generations continues. For it is in the act of giving that we receive, fulfilling the Gospel message to love one another as Christ loves us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend
Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie





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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.

One Faith, One Family

Together, we can accomplish so much more than any one parish can accomplish on its own!



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.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support Catholic Charities, serving the poorest among us and bringing hope to the most vulnerable in our communities.

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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.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal allows us to come together as *One Faith, One Family* to support our Catholic schools, strengthening prayer and unity among our school leadership to form missionary disciples in Christ and pass on the faith to future generations.

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,
 in your every act of creation we see your love for us.
 Strengthen us for our role in the work of proclaiming the Gospel.
 Open our hearts to listen to the needs of our brothers and sisters.
 Give us joyful spirits that invite others to be drawn into
 relationship with you.
 Lead us in our support of the mission of your Church,
 and remind us always that what we do for the least
 of our sisters and brothers, we do for you.
 May we serve you in all things,
 through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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

■ 27%	Catholic Schools Office	\$1,162,000
■ 22%	Catholic Charities	\$922,000
■ 16%	Office of Communications	\$668,000
■ 15%	Office of Faith Formation	\$624,000
■ 10%	Clergy Services	\$411,000
■ 7%	Pastoral Services	\$324,000
■ 3%	Diocesan & International Missions Office	\$124,000

Please give through your parish. Thank you!