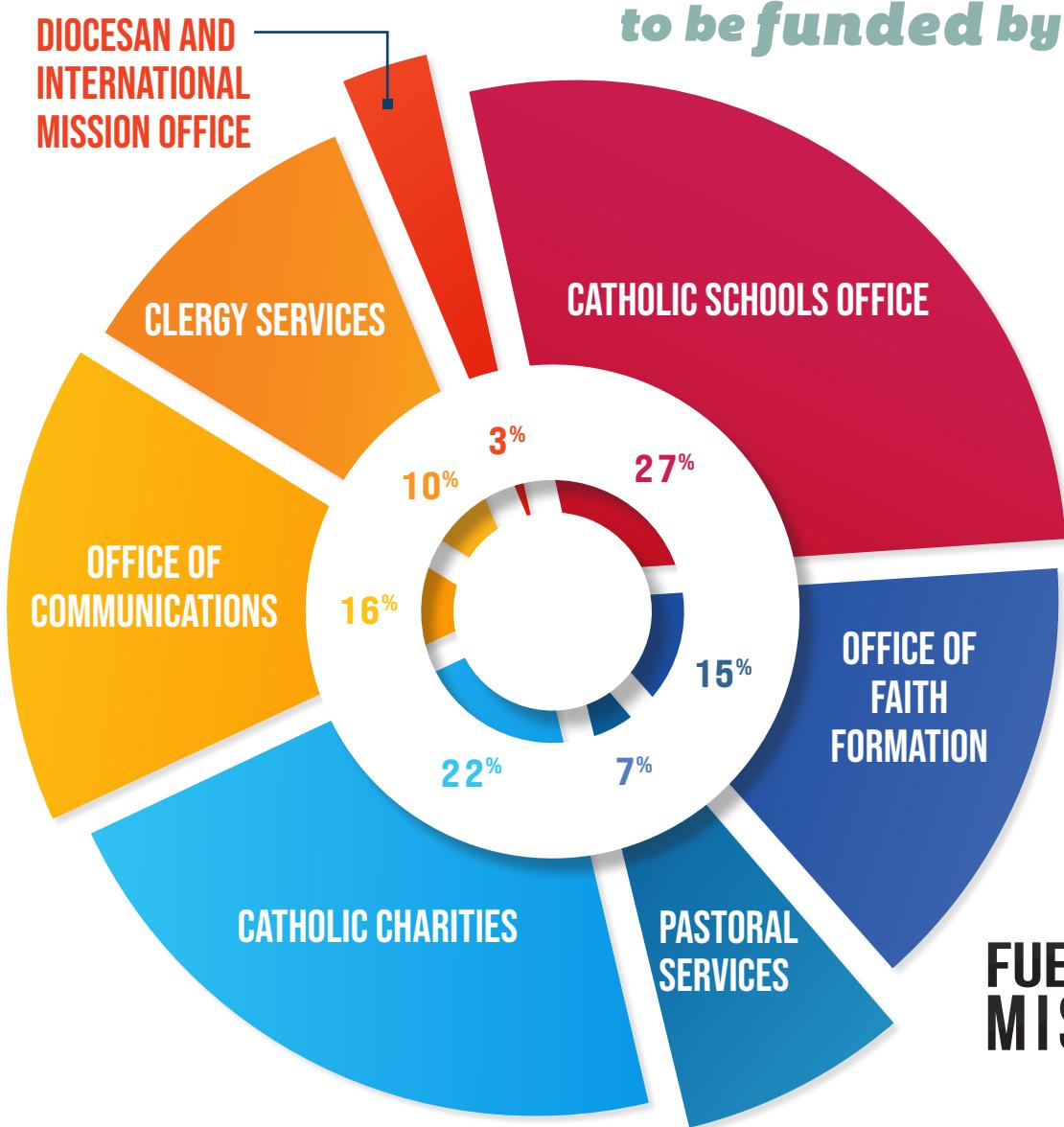


## SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2023 GOAL

**\$4.235 million**

**PURPOSE** Funds raised through the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) help the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word of God and celebrate the sacraments throughout 13 counties in northwest Pennsylvania. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that together we can accomplish so much more than any one parish can accomplish on its own. Thank you for prayerfully and joyfully supporting the work of the Gospel.

### **Programs and services to be funded by the CSA**



# HOW THE 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 Pennsylvania.

## PASTORAL SERVICES

The work of the Catholic Church extends well beyond the church door. Pope Francis continues to call the church to reach out to the margins, to include those on the peripheries. The diocese collaborates with hospitals, prisons and nursing homes and responds to those in need. The Office for Divine Worship also provides resources for the celebration of major liturgies including ordination and the annual Chrism Mass, during which every priest in the diocese is invited to renew his promises.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Preaching in Greece, St. Paul said he had shown by his own hard work “that we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35) Both Catholic Charities and its affiliate agencies carry out so much of the work at the heart of the Gospel, bringing justice and love to those in need, always in the name of Christ.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

Forming the hearts and minds of students to know, love and serve God is central to the mission of Catholic education. The Catholic Schools Office supports administrators and teachers across 29 schools in northwest Pennsylvania to cultivate leadership and promote student growth in academic excellence and Catholic identity.

## CLERGY SERVICES

Bishop Persico encourages prayer for vocations, but support doesn't end with ordination. Formation and fraternity among priests and deacons are facilitated through retreats, study days and worship

opportunities. Clergy are accompanied in their pastoral assignments as they minister to the people of the diocese from day one through retirement.

## DIOCESAN AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION OFFICE

Pope Francis said he continues “to dream of a completely missionary church and a new era of missionary activity” in his World Mission Day message this year. Every parish in the diocese welcomes a missionary each year, learning of their outreach and offering support. The Diocesan and International Mission Office also promotes mission work and activities among parishes, schools and faith formation groups.

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

In 2004, the Diocese of Erie invested in Faith magazine to inspire Catholics to grow in their faith and share it with others. It's still mailed to all registered parishioners, free of charge, six times a year, enhanced with additional outreach through social media, websites and digital publications, all supporting Bishop Persico's efforts to evangelize.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

The webpage of the Office of Faith Formation opens with their goal of 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.” Resources for individuals and parish faith formation leaders, as well as opportunities for people in every stage and phase of their lives, are focused on helping Catholics and those interested in the Catholic faith know God more fully.

## PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR PARISH

Thank you for supporting the 2023 CSA Appeal. Questions? Inquire to your parish office.