



Bishop McManus visits with students at Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School.

BY THE NUMBERS IN 2023

81,194 people were assisted with food and essentials by Catholic Charities and Pernet

780 people attended combined African Community Masses

17 men are in formation for the priesthood and 12 are preparing for the permanent diaconate

778 Catholic school students received \$838,876 in tuition assistance

An average of 2,000 households watch the Mass daily on the internet

506,000 copies of The Catholic Free Press are distributed annually along with 8,000 online weekly readers

More than 90 diocesan liturgies, including confirmations and ordinations were coordinated by the Office for Divine Worship in conjunction with the Office of Religious Education and St. Paul Cathedral

More than 100 young people attended the diocesan high school rally and 100 attended “Amplify” praise and worship nights

160 men and women participated in the diocesan marriage preparation program

1,293 parish catechists who taught 8,847 young people were supported by the Office of Religious Education

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- Catholic Charities
- Pernet Family Health Service
- Priests’ Retirement
- Retired Priests’ Health Ministry
- Diocesan Cemetery System
- Utility Assistance Fund

MINISTRY

- African Ministry
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Minister to Priests
- Office for Divine Worship
- Hispanic and Latino Ministry
- Office of Marriage and Family
- Office of the Diaconate
- Respect Life Office
- St. Paul Cathedral
- Vocations Office and House of Studies
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries

EDUCATION

- Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity
- Catholic Schools Office
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"We are called in this life to serve other people, to be God's hands, and, as Pope Francis reminds us, to participate as missionary disciples by our baptism."

— Bishop McManus



"Catholic Charities helped me care for my daughter when she was a baby and later provided supplies when she started school. They have been such a great help to my family. I can't express how grateful I am that they are willing to help the community with such quality assistance and such a big heart!"

— Gloria, Catholic Charities client



"The world is looking for the Lord and so they look to the priest and his ministry of presence which is so important – at church, at socials, at sporting events and other moments in people's lives. God's voice had been calling me to be a priest especially in college so I was grateful to be accepted into the House of Studies to discern my vocation and prepare for seminary."

— Ricky Reyes, Diocesan Seminarian
St. John Seminary



"Attending St. Paul has definitely helped me in my decision to be baptized this coming Easter. My curiosity about my faith grew throughout my years here, whether in class, or at Mass or just by being surrounded by people who take religion seriously."

— Jack McGrath
St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. HS Senior



"To be God's hands in the world means I help people. No matter how small that act of kindness might be, those small acts have a ripple effect in the world."

— Abigail Gumlaw
Youth Ministry Discipleship Team Member



"It was a remarkable experience when I placed myself in God's hands. My life completely changed. I am filled with enormous joy and can see God's purpose for me in my ministry. We have to show others the way to encounter Jesus."

— Nathan Torres, Hispanic and Latino Ministry



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