

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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#### **CHARITY**

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



"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



"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!"

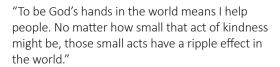
- Gloria, Catholic Charities client



"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





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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