



## MINISTRY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

***"A homeless family is now a family with a home. We walk on two feet - the feet of Faith and Service."***

*Brenda Rascher, Executive Director,  
Office of Catholic Social Services,  
Diocese of Trenton*

With nowhere to go a desperate family in need called social service organizations throughout Trenton only to be met with closed doors until they found Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Trenton. For four years, they had no home and were sleeping in motels or in their car, which was now disabled. They needed emergency care.

Your gift to the ACA enables Catholic Social Services to care for all regardless of their religion.

To read more about the help provided visit  
[dioceseoftrenton.org/ministry-stories](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/ministry-stories)



## WAYS TO GIVE

### MAIL

Make check or money order payable to:  
Annual Catholic Appeal  
Diocese of Trenton  
P.O. Box 70170  
Newark, NJ 07101

### ONLINE

Scan the QR code below with your phone camera or visit [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal) to make a gift using major credit cards, ACH bank draft, PayPal, Apple Pay or Venmo!

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### CALL

609-403-7197

### ADDITIONAL GIFT OPTIONS

Gifts of Stock, IRA Distributions, Bequests, Charitable Annuities, and Cryptocurrency can be coordinated by contacting the Department of Development at 609-403-7197.



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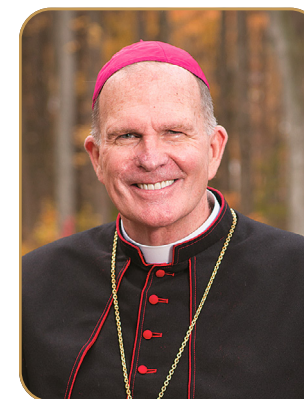


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## FROM THE BISHOP



***"Your support enables us to continue vital ministries and programs broadening our services and reaching out to all those seeking solace and spiritual***

***guidance, embodying the teachings of Christ in our actions. I urge you to read more about our collaborative efforts within this wonderful diocese of ours."***

*Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.,  
Bishop of Trenton*

## 2024 GOAL: \$6.5 MILLION

**\$2,250,000**

### LOVE

Clergy and Religious  
Life Ministries

**\$1,750,000**

### FAITH

Faith Development  
and Evangelization Ministries

**\$2,500,000**

### FAMILY

Pastoral and Social Outreach Ministries



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

I remember the point in my Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults catechesis at which my eyes and heart were opened to the reality of the Eucharist, and I totally surrendered to God. My life is now enriched in every way as I follow the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a great reminder to remember God and thank him all day, every day.

I continue my journey of faith as I enter my third year of diaconate studies, an opportunity only afforded to me through the collaboration of the Diocese, my parish, and me.

Your gift to the ACA helps to bring people into a closer relationship with God through educational and experiential opportunities and offers parishioners like Chris the opportunity to become certified catechists working in faith formation with adults and youth.

*“The process of going through the sacrament of Confirmation opened my mind and heart to God’s will for my life. It is the Eucharist that brought me to the Church and the Church that brought me life.”*

Christopher McNicholas, Catechist, Saint Mary, Middletown



Deacon John and Caroline White, St. Monica’s Church, Jackson

DIACONATE MINISTRY

*“While watching a Confirmation Ceremony I had a sort of out of body experience (a hit over the head so to speak) which I later learned was the Holy Spirit calling me to vocation. Being a Deacon is all about service.”*

I believe that in my lifetime I have had a few callings, but daily life always seemed to get in the way. When time permitted, I did begin serving in different ministries.

Your generosity helps fund the education costs to become a deacon and allows a man like John White to pursue the diaconate ministry.

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MINISTRY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*“Catholic Schools within the Diocese provide a faith-filled community where students, families, faculty, and staff can grow spiritually, academically, and socially.”*

With more than 30 years of experience in education, I have witnessed the invaluable assistance provided by the Department of Catholic Schools. Their guidance encompasses a wide range of areas, including budgeting, teacher evaluations, building management, and grant writing, benefiting all the schools in the Diocese.

Your gift provides funding enabling us to develop stronger Catholic school leaders and teachers.



Donna White, Principal St. Catharine’s School, Spring Lake



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MINISTRY OF CLERGY & CONSECRATED LIFE

Father Stanley, a native of the Diocese of Trenton, was born and raised in Trenton and ordained in The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in 1979. Affectionately known as Father Stas, he will celebrate 45 years of priesthood in May of 2024. What does retirement look like, for a man who has committed so much time, energy and service to our Diocese?

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports retired priests of the Diocese of Trenton so they can live life together in the communities of Villa Vianney in Lawrenceville or Villa at St. Denis in Manasquan.

*“I love it here! Thank you for ensuring the best of care for me and all the elder clergy in the Diocese.”*

Father Stanley Lukaszewski, Retired Priest

