



# *One Bread, One Body*

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL  
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

2024   
ANNUAL REPORT



MARCH 2025

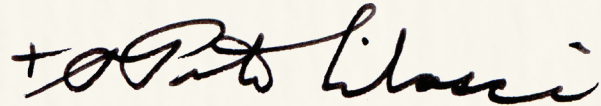
## *My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

With immense gratitude to you, I am delighted to share with you the third annual report for the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA): Future of our Faith II*. I am overwhelmed with the response that this Appeal has generated, and 2024's was truly inspiring. Because of you, the NHCA raised over \$4.2 million dollars for the essential ministries of our Church. You have given from your hearts, and in turn, the Church has been able to share the Good News and serve thousands of individuals and families across the state. In this report, you will find more information about our shared ministries and our Church at work, as well as how your donations have been utilized.

Thank you for sharing your gifts, and may God continue to bless and care for you.

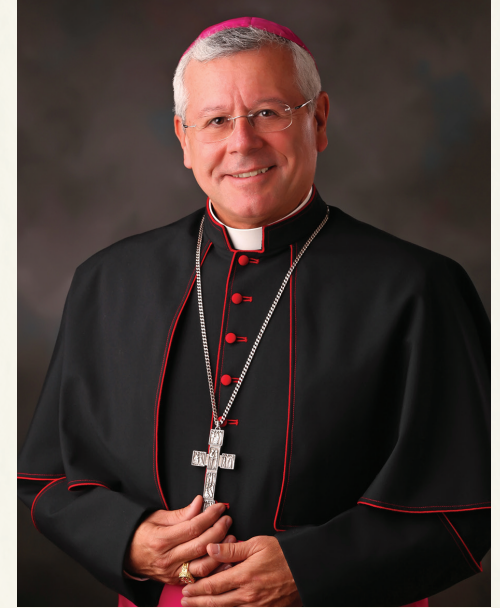
You remain in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,



**MOST REVEREND PETER A. LIBASCI, D.D.**

TENTH BISHOP OF MANCHESTER



# WHO IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE?

*Our Mission – To bring a New Hope and the Good News of Jesus Christ through our Catholic Faith to all in New Hampshire*



**88** Parishes



**199,645** Total Catholic Population



**1,502** Total Baptisms



**2,607** First Communions & Confirmations



**186** RCIA Candidates



**350** Total Marriages

## CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS



**1** Bishop



**1** Retired Bishop



**61** Diocesan Priests in Ministry in NH



**41** Retired, Ailing or Priests on Leave



**41** Religious Priests



**35** Extern Priests



**1** Ordination to the Priesthood



**67** Permanent Deacons



**13** Religious Brothers



**208** Religious Sisters



**17** Parish and Diocesan Schools &  
**8** Private Schools



# YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For the 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, you have helped to grow our shared faith and ministries in One Bread, One Body. You have impacted our communities with your giving and your prayers.

## CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

The Community Services program of Catholic Charities NH (CCNH) offers compassionate guidance and support to New Hampshire residents facing dire situations or hardships, such as financial instability, lack of housing, and other urgent needs. This program helps individuals and families address immediate barriers and shifts the fundamental dynamics of their lives to create pathways out of poverty, leading to long-term success. Community Services is the only CCNH program supported by the NHCA, and CCNH continues to fundraise throughout the year for its other 10 core programs.

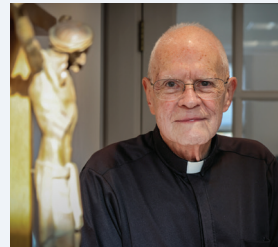


*“If it wasn’t for Catholic Charities NH, we would still be living in a broken van, getting soaked on our heads, taking desperate measures just to stay warm. The organization and the people who give are amazing – they are always there to help and do everything they can to get people’s lives back on track.”*

— DAVID

## SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY AND FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS

Our retired priests are very important to the Diocese of Manchester. They have given their lives to the service of God and continue to make a significant impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics in their communities. The Diocese continues to care for them by providing retirement benefits. We are thankful for these priests who continue to serve our Diocese.



REV. EDMUND CROWLEY

*“I have always enjoyed the parish environment and having people around and retirement has allowed me to stay connected to the parish environment when I help out with Masses and the sacraments.”*

— FR. EDMUND CROWLEY

Currently the Diocese of Manchester has 10 men in the various stages of discernment for the priesthood and each year the Diocese spends approximately \$500,000 on room and board and education for the seminarians. In January of this year, Rev. Mr. Andre Nadeau was ordained to the transitional diaconate and God willing, will be ordained to the priesthood in June of this year. The Diocese is committed to the formation of our priests and our deacons who are the lifeblood of our parishes.



REV. MR. ANDRE NADEAU

*“The brotherhood at the seminary is incredible. I love the seminary, and it is such a blessing to be in formation with guys who are on the same journey, who are all striving to be priests.”*

– REV. MR. ANDRE NADEAU,  
ST. MEINRAD SEMINARY  
(4TH YEAR CONFIGURATION)



TOTUS TUUS, SUMMER 2024  
SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH,  
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worship, and putting their faith into action. The NHCA has also supported Totus Tuus. Totus Tuus is a parish-based summer Catholic youth program for both grade school and high school students dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, witness, and worship. In addition, the Diocese of Manchester will be leading a Eucharistic Pilgrimage throughout the state during this Jubilee Year that has been funded by the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

*“Seeing young adults teaching the faith and young people learning and having fun while doing so. They are all the future of our Catholic Church, and it is encouraging!”*

– REV. CHARLES PAWLOWSKI, KHS,  
PASTOR OF SACRED HEART PARISH IN LEBANON, ON TOTUS TUUS

## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND SHARING THE FAITH

The NHCA enables the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ through evangelization, faith formation, and enhancing Catholic education. The Diocese of Manchester, with support from the NHCA, serves and supports campus ministry in the colleges and universities in NH providing students with ongoing opportunities for prayer,



JULY/AUGUST 2024  
EDITION OF PARABLE

*Parable Magazine is a gift to all Catholics in New Hampshire from the Diocese of Manchester, made possible by the NHCA. Parable is an incredible evangelization tool bringing stories of faith and inspiration*

across the Diocese. In 2024, *Parable* again was recognized by the Catholic Media Association, earning five awards for best columns and stories.

*“I love this magazine! Thank you for providing a wonderful resource.”*

– Laura

The NHCA also provides important income to New Hampshire Catholic Schools, enabling Catholic education to be available, affordable, and accessible. The NHCA funded necessary school infrastructure improvements such as facility expansion, renovation, and revitalization that will accommodate the increasing interest in Catholic education.

The NHCA delivered funding to multicultural ministry efforts which serve the culturally diverse populations throughout the Diocese by understanding and meeting their unique cultural needs as Catholics. Also, the NHCA supports The Good Samaritan Home in Cartago, Columbia run by NH native, Claire Aucoin.



FR. MARCOS GONZALEZ-TORRES, FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,  
ST. ALOYSIUS OF GONZAGA PARISH, NASHUA



SACRED HEART PARISH,  
MANCHESTER, NH

## PARISH SUPPORT

The NHCA provides parish support both through the rebate program and parish-to-parish support fund. The 2024 NHCA rebate program provides parishes who have achieved their 2024 goal a 100% rebate for every dollar raised above their goal. To date, 56 parishes have reached their 2024 parish goal. The parish-to-parish support fund helps parishes who are struggling to meet the basic needs of their parish such as electricity, heating, and maintenance.

*“The NHCA is a win-win opportunity for both the parishes and the ministries funded by the NHCA. The Appeal has increased the support of the ministries where there may have not been a lot of participation prior to the Appeal and raised the consciousness of our parishioners of these ministries. In addition, it provides financial support to the parishes through the rebate program for any needs the parish may have.”*

— REV. A. STEPHEN MARCOUX, III

To read more about the ministries funded by the NHCA, please scan this QR code or visit [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)



# 2024 NHCA DISTRIBUTIONS

as of 10/2/24

Total raised:

**\$3,709,317.00**

