

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Mission

The Diocese of Columbus is experiencing extraordinary growth—welcoming new families, cultivating vibrant ministries, and responding to expanding needs across our communities. Truly, “a good tree bears good fruit.” (Mt 7:17) As we remain rooted in Christ, we are called to grow in mission. Your generous support nourishes the life of the Church so it can be sustained, strengthened, and continue to bear abundant fruit for generations to come.



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Below are just a few **examples of the growth** our Diocese has experienced in the last few years. Your gift helps us ensure we can continue to **grow our mission throughout the Diocese** and reach our goal of **\$8.25 million**.

EVANGELIZATION (\$3.1 MILLION):

Reaching out to our communities and spreading the Good News:

280,000 → 505,000

Catholics in our Diocese in 2019

Catholics in our Diocese in 2025

700 → 984

adults became Catholic in 2024 through the OCIA process

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260 → 368

couples attended the 2024 Diocesan Pre-Cana Formation event

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VOCATIONS (\$2.8 MILLION):

Nurturing and supporting seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious men and women who are answering God's call:

17 → 43

men studying for the priesthood in 2022

men studying for the priesthood in 2025

\$55,000 → \$63,000

cost per seminarian in 2024

cost per seminarian in 2025

SOCIAL OUTREACH (\$1.2 MILLION):

Addressing the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and those suffering in our Diocese:

All 23 counties of our diocese now offer miscarriage and post-abortion **healing programs**

12 state prisons now offer **weekly** Mass, confessions, and pastoral care

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION (\$1.1 MILLION):

Ensuring that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics:

2,429 → 3,058

Confirmations in 2022

Confirmations in 2025

2,135 → 2,755

First communions in 2022

First communions in 2025

Our Catholic schools are at more than

90%

capacity; spurring a **need to build new schools** and expand existing ones



“Just as Columbus is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, so too is our Diocese. Rooted in Christ, we are growing, not only in number, but also in mission!”

- **Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes**
Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus



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QUESTIONS about The Appeal? Please contact the Advancement Office at **614-241-2550** or sroberts@columbuscatholic.org

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