

Giving with Faith, Hope, & Love
2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Ministries in Action

Giving with Faith, Hope, & Love Catholic Education

The U.S. Catholic Bishops' expressed it well in their joint statement issued in July, 2005 titled *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*: "We are convinced that Catholic schools continue to be the most effective means available to the Church for the education of children and young people who are the future of the Church."

Catechetical Formation

Catholic Schools support the work of our parishes, schools and educators in passing on the practices of our Catholic Faith from pre-k through adult — and provide specialized formation for the religious education leaders, teachers and catechists of the diocese.

Through its various classes, workshops and media lending library; the Catechetical Formation ministry provides adult faith formation and catechetical ministry formation for hundreds of participants each year.

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Catholic Social Services

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities thanks God for the love He has for every individual person regardless of their faith or background by serving the poor, speaking for and assisting the neglected and forgotten, respecting and promoting life from beginning to end and nurturing and supporting individuals and families.

Office of Life

Education and Advocacy, equipping the church through seminars, presentations and trainings to defend human life from the womb to the tomb. *Pregnancy intervention*, including the training and equipping of side walk counselors who reach out to mothers and fathers in an unintended pregnancy. *Project Rachel* invites all who have been involved in an abortion to experience the reconciliation and the mercy of God. All who seek compassionate, non-judgmental help can encounter God's mercy, healing and love.

Office of Justice

The Prison Ministry extended Christ's mercy through liturgies and retreats at the Toledo Correctional Facility, Lucas County Jail, Richland County Correctional Institution and Allen County Correctional Facility. *The Laudato Si Task Force* held their first workshop and are planning a priest study day for 2018. *The Immigration Task Force* has held multiple training and informational sessions to help our parishes reach our immigrant and migrant populations of Northwest Ohio.

Emergency Services

Food, clothing, shelter and disaster relief are all services addressed by ministries within Catholic Charities. *Helping Hands of St. Louis* soup kitchen is open daily serving hot meals to hundreds each day in Toledo. In Mansfield and Toledo food pantries are setup to offer groceries to those in need. Housing to families in Toledo is provided at *La Posada* and a woman and child shelter in Norwalk offers long term refuge to women escaping abusive situations.

Catholic Charities works directly with Catholic Relief Services to offer monetary assistance through donations to disaster areas. Catholic Charities passes 100% of all disaster relief donations on to the charity or fund collecting for the relief effort.

Rural Life

Celebratory Masses are held throughout the Diocese for rural centennial farms. Owners of centennial farms are presented with plaques commemorating their family legacy for farm owners and future generations.

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Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations

The Department of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations address the full range of support for the clergy and those called to the consecrated life from the beginning stages of discernment to retirement. These ministries offer education and formation of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate men/women consecrated life as well as provide direct sacramental and Pastoral care, spiritual direction and fraternal support as they carry out their ministries.

Donations to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal will support these *Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations* ministries:

- ✠ Diocesan Priestly Vocations
- ✠ Consecrated Life
- ✠ Permanent Deacons

Diocesan Priestly Vocations

The purpose of this department is to help with a process of discernment to determine whether the Lord is calling them to serve in the Church Community within the Diocese of Toledo under the guidance of the Pastor of a particular parish or special ministry outside of parish ministry. The Vocations program forms men called to this vocation academically, spiritually and emotionally. Currently there are 15 seminarians, 1 scheduled ordination in May 2018.

Consecrated Life

Serves as official representative in matters regarding the consecrated life, the religious communities serving in the Diocese and raises consciousness about the service the religious render in the diocese.

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Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations

Permanent Deacons

They should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 1 Tm. 3:10

The Delegate for Permanent Deacons assists the Bishop by serving the deacon community and their families after ordination by providing Pastoral care, post-ordination formation, spiritual formation, retreats, and crisis intervention. The Delegate also assists in reviewing and evaluating ministry assignments and making appropriate recommendations to the Bishop. There are approximately two hundred permanent deacons serving the Diocese of Toledo.

There are currently twenty men in the Deacon Formation program. They meet one weekend each month in prayer, academic study and fellowship at the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio. There are four pillars of formation; human, spiritual, intellectual and Pastoral.

Permanent Deacon Formation begins with a year of inquiry to understand the ministry, vocation of the permanent deacon, to help prospective applicants and their spouses to discern whether there is a calling to the diaconate.

Upon completion of the initial inquiry process, selected men are invited to apply for admission to the formation program. Those who are accepted then begin a year of aspirancy; which is a time to discern the capability and readiness of an aspirant to be nominated to the bishop for acceptance as a candidate for diaconal ordination. The aspirancy year consists of spiritual formation and academics. The aspirant is helped to develop his human and Pastoral dimensions so that he can be a bridge for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ.

Following the year of discernment, the applicant will begin three years of candidacy in which there will be continued discernment. The candidate is then called to a diaconal vocation and preparation for ordination through continued academics, prayer, and human and Pastoral formation.

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Discipleship and Family Life

The Department of Discipleship and Family Life serves parishes by providing resources, training and specialized expertise so that parishes can develop specific programs and events to reach their parish faith communities.

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- ✝ Marriage and Family Life
- ✝ Multi-Cultural Ministries
- ✝ Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry

Marriage and Family Life

Marriage and Family Life provides guidance, training and formation to address all avenues of married life which includes counseling to those experiencing difficulties in a marriage or overcoming the emotions following a divorce. Married couples are trained to provide effective formation and preparation for engaged couples. Marriage enrichment retreats are offered throughout the diocese and a Diocesan Mass celebration is had each year for milestone wedding anniversaries at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral.

For those experiencing separation or divorce an annual healing retreat is offered. Training days are planned for priests, deacons and lay ministers to guide them in ways to welcome, support, and heal Catholics who have been affected by divorce or separation.

Multi-Cultural Ministries

Multicultural Ministries strives to ensure diversity and inclusion at the parish, deanery and diocesan levels in the areas of African-American catechesis, celebrations and retreats, Hispanic Pastoral ministry, and ministries for people with disabilities for full inclusion in the life of the Church.

Specifically, providing an active Catholic presence to, among and for the Hispanic community of the Diocese, including the coordination of Masses celebrated in Spanish. The annual diocesan celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Quinceanera retreats.

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Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry

Young Adult and Campus Ministry serves and supports parishes and campus ministries with connecting young adults, college age to 20s and 30s, with Jesus Christ, the Church, the mission of the Church, and their peers. The Office also serves and assists campus ministries in bringing ministry to higher education by serving with and forming the youth, students, faculty, and staff in faith, leadership, and full participation in the life of the Church.

Opportunities and resources are made available to our youth ministry leaders to deepen their own faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as to the youth they minister.

The department coordinates:

- TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) – since 2009, Youth Ministry has organized this three-day retreat experience for high school juniors and seniors.
- The Diocesan Youth Council, a council of youth from parishes all over the Diocese of Toledo who are developing leadership skills as emerging disciples and taking those skills back to their parish.
- The annual “March for Life” bus trip to Washington D.C. to stand up for Life has been at capacity for the last several years.