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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."
- Pope Leo XIV*

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

Dear Friends:

As we begin to enjoy all that summer on Long Island offers us, I write to ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can bring that joy to those who come to us for help and support in these uncertain times.

While more than 20,000 of our neighbors from across the Diocese have generously responded with their gifts and prayers, there are still so many ministries that need our support.

Pope Leo XIV urged us to reflect on how we invest the "treasure" that is our life, challenging Catholics to share not only material possessions but also their skills, time, and compassion for the good of others.

Here on Long Island, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one of the best local vehicles we can use to reach out and show mercy, compassion, and charity to others. Not only does your gift help our very own Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor, but it also sustains programs and services offered by Catholic Charities across the Diocese. Such active efforts ensure that the recipients are comforted with the knowledge that God loves them and is with them even during challenging times in their lives.

Even more, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the services that provide religious education for our children, form our future priests and deacons, make available youth and campus ministry programs, and so many other important works that help us to share the Gospel message in our Diocese and beyond.

In gratitude for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, be assured of my conviction that together we can bring Christ's message of holiness to individuals, families, and the wider community.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

If you have already given a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you for your gift!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres