

# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



Dear Friends:

As we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, let us pray that his evangelizing pastoral charity and wisdom will guide the mission of the Church which he now serves as Supreme Pontiff.

How beautiful it is that our Holy Father began his Pontificate from St. Peter's Basilica by focusing on the mission of the Church and on the Risen Christ. He said: "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love."

One way to support the mission of the Church is by making a commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The CMA supports ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned. It ensures that we can help struggling families to find their way through economic hardship and back to stability.

The CMA helps to fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities and ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith, teaching values that they will carry into adulthood. It helps us to create paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders, and supports programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages. You can be a source of hope for your community, for the next generation, and for the Church. Each of us is called to respond at the deepest level to the Risen Christ and to our baptismal call to heroic "holiness and mission." Please faithfully support this appeal. Your gift, whatever the size, will be carefully stewarded to support the vital mission of the Church.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre