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Diocesan Ministries
Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF PATERSON



Taking Care of
People in Need



"After my developmentally disabled sister's severe anxiety required several hospitalizations, I realized that I could not provide the care for her that she sorely needed. Since coming to live at one of Catholic Charities group homes, Carol is thriving. The staff and nurses are absolutely amazing. They are looking out for all her needs. Carol now has joy in her life.

Thank you to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal and to everyone who contributes because you have made such a difference in my sister's life."

- Anne Ecke



Caring for our
Seminarians



"As a Catholic community, we want a wonderful Church, great parishes, a great Diocese and especially great priests. That is why supporting men in their priestly formation is so vital. We are appreciative of the support from the Appeal because our son, Lucas, and other seminarians are able to follow the Lord's call."

- Cristina and Ken Folan



Helping our
Senior Priests



Fr. Herb has been a part of my family's life for as long as I can remember. He has been there for the best of times and through the difficult ones. The Appeal is important because it helps my former pastor as well as other priests with their healthcare needs. It is a way to give back to those who have given so much to us."

- Alison Fourounjian



Supporting Catholic
Urban Education



"At St. Gerard School – the only Catholic school in the city of Paterson – we are giving kids who might not have the opportunities that many of us have had, the chance to receive a quality education with a focus on faith.

I am so grateful for the support from the Appeal which helps keep our school vital and growing. Your assistance is making a difference for a community that faces many economic challenges."

- Rev. Msgr. George Hundt
Pastor, St. Gerard Majella Parish, Paterson

FOOD PANTRY RENOVATION UPDATE. YOUR GIFT AT WORK.

In addition to helping support dozens of Catholic Charities programs and ministries, the Appeal is in the second year of our three-year commitment to allocate \$200,000 annually toward the complete renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, which serves about 18,000 people monthly.

The new food pantry will:

- Reconfigure the space to increase shelving and aisles
- Enlarge our clothing area for people in need
- Expand veteran services, especially for those facing homelessness
- Offer classes in English as a Second Language, health and nutrition, parenting, workforce training and computer skills

We will care for our brothers and sisters with dignity as children of God and be an example of His love and compassion to the local community.



Your Gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps support dozens of Catholic Charities programs that bring life to the corporal works of mercy throughout the three counties of our Diocese, including:

- Food pantries in Paterson, Dover and Franklin
- After-school mentoring and counselling programs for at-risk youth
- Early childhood education and developmental intervention for infants and children
- 11 residences for adults with disabilities across the Diocese
- Senior citizen support, including social day programs and Meals on Wheels
- Expansive drug and alcohol treatment services
- Veteran outreach, with an emphasis on those who face homelessness

When we are United in Faith, Hope and Love, there is nothing we cannot accomplish as a Catholic community! Please support this important work by making a pledge today!



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- **One-time gifts or pledges** paid over several months with reminders sent for your convenience.
- **Credit card contributions**—See information on your pledge card or call **973-777-8818, ext. 263** for details.
- **Online gifts**—Go to **www.2024appeal.org** and follow instructions for making a pledge.
- **Recurring monthly gifts**—Simply visit **www.2024appeal.org** and choose the Recurring Gift Option that will help people in need now and in the future. You always have the ability to discontinue your recurring gift at any time. For more information, call **973-777-8818, ext. 263**.



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