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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
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Pope Francis has asked us to embrace our vocation as missionary disciples – to be instruments of ***Dramatic Missionary Growth***. Our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the year is a wonderful way for us to respond to this call. The essence of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is to ignite, evangelize, witness God's love through leading, educating, and sharing our gifts with our diocesan family. Our efforts to support the CMA have helped us to serve more than 600,000 people in Long Island and collectively raise more than \$10,000,000 each year.

Next week, we will have a special Catholic Ministries Appeal video presentation. This video offers testimony from individuals who are served by some of the ministries supported by the annual Appeal. You will see and hear their stories, and learn: how young people are deepening their faith through Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry; how a recovering heroin addict has turned his life around after receiving services from Catholic Charities Talbot House; how a homeless client of a Parish Ministry was able to receive support, find a home and become a ministry volunteer; and how a newly installed pastor and newly ordained deacon inspire their faith community to grow closer God and become servant leaders.

We would also like to thank the more than 278 families who supported last year's Appeal. You helped our church serve more than 600,000 people in our community. You also made it possible for us to receive a rebate of more than \$15,000 to use for our own parish needs.

It is so important that everyone in our church family participates – no gift is ever too small- but all gifts make a difference in the lives of others. I ask that you please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

On behalf of all those who are touched and served by the Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you for your commitment to Pope Francis' message "*A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan.*"

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.