



When you pledge your gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, prayerfully consider joining the Deo Gratias Society. Members take a leadership role in the work of the Church, pledging to become partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Joliet.

A gift of \$1,000 or more enrolls you in the *Deo Gratias Society*. In addition to spiritual benefits, membership includes an annual Mass and reception with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, and recognition in our annual publication for society members.

Interesting facts about the 2019 CMAA

Deo Gratias Society members*1,975
CMAA donors33,050
Largest CMAA gift \$50,000
Average CMAA gift \$249

By the numbers

Diocese of Joliet
Catholics in the diocese 585,080
Registered households 188,476
Parishes and missions..... 124
Active diocesan priests 114
Diocesan priests with senior status (retired)48
Religious order priests56
Religious order brothers and sisters 384
Permanent deacons 244
Seminarians in formation for diocesan priesthood.....33
Catholic college/university students15,772
Catholic elementary/high schools52
Catholic elementary/high school students....16,888
Religious education students34, 468
Baptisms6,069

Gifts collected \$7,900,000
Parish rebates..... \$875,000
Parishes receiving rebates80
**Donor contributions of \$1,000 or more.*

Adults received into full communion with the Church 418
First Communions.....7,151
Confirmations6,750
Marriages.....1,213
Young Adult and Campus Ministries6,810
Parishes offering Sunday Masses in Spanish21
Free meals served75,455
Free nights of shelter provided29,276

U.S. Catholics
Bishops (active and retired) 433
Priests (diocesan and religious)36,580
Permanent deacons18,291
Religious brothers and sisters48,014
Total Catholics..... 76,300,000

Pledge a gift to help your parish reach its goal and receive a CMAA rebate.
In 2019, CMAA rebates to parishes totaled \$875,000.

PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2020 CMAA GOAL	PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2020 CMAA GOAL	PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2020 CMAA GOAL
Ascension of Our Lord Parish	Oakbrook Terrace	\$46,800	St. Ann Parish	Channahon	\$41,400	St. Lawrence Parish	South Wilmington	\$9,900
Assumption of the B.V.M. Parish	Coal City	\$33,700	St. Anne Parish	Crest Hill	\$9,200	St. Liborius Parish	Steger	\$37,600
Assumption Parish	Ashkum	\$6,600	St. Anne Parish	Oswego	\$126,700	St. Luke Parish	Carol Stream	\$20,000
Cathedral of St. Raymond	Joliet	\$87,200	St. Anne Parish	St. Anne	\$9,000	St. Margaret Mary Parish	Herscher	\$10,200
Christ the King Parish	Lombard	\$62,500	St. Anthony Parish	Frankfort	\$106,800	St. Margaret Mary Parish	Naperville	\$120,000
Christ the Servant Parish	Woodridge	\$40,300	St. Anthony Parish	Joliet	\$10,700	St. Mark Parish	Wheaton	\$17,300
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	Carol Stream	\$50,500	St. Bernard Parish	Homer Glen	\$57,600	St. Mary Immaculate Parish	Plainfield	\$231,500
Divine Mercy Parish	Lombard	\$52,400	St. Bernard Parish	Joliet	\$8,900	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Joliet	\$19,200
Divine Savior Parish	Downers Grove	\$63,900	St. Boniface Parish	Monroe	\$11,700	St. Mary Nativity Parish	Joliet	\$43,200
Holy Cross Parish	Joliet	\$10,500	St. Charles Borromeo Parish	Bensenville	\$35,700	St. Mary of Gostyn Parish	Downers Grove	\$134,800
Holy Family Parish	Shorewood	\$102,400	St. Daniel the Prophet Parish	Wheaton	\$62,900	St. Mary Mission	Reddick	\$3,100
Holy Ghost Parish	Wood Dale	\$57,500	St. Dennis Parish	Lockport	\$75,300	St. Mary Parish	Beaverville	\$5,900
Holy Spirit Catholic Community	Naperville	\$106,400	St. Dominic Parish	Bolingbrook	\$49,100	St. Mary Parish	Minooka	\$40,200
Holy Trinity Parish	Westmont	\$80,400	St. Edmund Parish	Watseka	\$13,400	St. Mary Parish	Mokena	\$151,800
Immaculate Conception Mission	Roberts	\$900	St. Elizabeth Seton Parish	Naperville	\$115,800	St. Mary Parish	Park Forest	\$15,200
Immaculate Conception Parish	Braidwood	\$11,200	St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Bolingbrook	\$84,600	St. Mary Parish	Paxton	\$11,100
Immaculate Conception Parish	Elmhurst	\$120,100	St. Francis Xavier Parish	Joliet	\$34,000	St. Mary Parish	Plano	\$38,400
Immaculate Conception Parish	Gilman	\$8,600	St. George Parish	St. George	\$20,400	St. Mary Parish	West Chicago	\$51,900
Immaculate Conception Parish	Morris	\$69,500	St. Irene Parish	Warrenville	\$66,200	St. Matthew Parish	Glendale Heights	\$65,800
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish	Elmhurst	\$37,300	St. Isaac Jogues Parish	Hinsdale	\$173,700	St. Michael Parish	Wheaton	\$163,600
Maternity B.V.M. Parish	Bourbonnais	\$92,800	St. Isidore Parish	Bloomington	\$173,800	St. Patrick Parish	Joliet	\$20,100
Notre Dame Parish	Clarendon Hills	\$95,400	St. James Parish	Kankakee	\$7,100	St. Patrick Parish	Kankakee	\$35,500
Our Lady of Korean Martyrs Mission	Clarendon Hills	\$4,800	St. James the Apostle Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$88,900	St. Patrick Parish	Momence	\$17,600
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Gibson City	\$11,900	St. Joan of Arc Parish	Lisle	\$115,300	St. Patrick Parish	Wilton Center	\$10,200
Our Lady of Mercy Parish	Aurora	\$146,700	St. John Paul II Parish	Kankakee	\$58,100	St. Patrick Parish	Yorkville	\$72,500
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish	Darien	\$85,100	St. John the Apostle Parish	Villa Park	\$22,500	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Joliet	\$64,300
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Our Lady of Peace Parish	Darien	\$103,500	St. John the Baptist Parish	Joliet	\$32,200	St. Peter Mission	Piper City	\$2,200
Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish	Homer Glen	\$31,600	St. John the Baptist Parish	Winfield	\$105,700	St. Peter Parish	Clifton	\$7,500
Queenship of Mary Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$15,100	St. John Vianney Parish	Lockport	\$11,800	St. Peter Parish	Itasca	\$55,100
Resurrection Parish	Wayne	\$56,500	St. Joseph Mission	Watseka	\$3,600	St. Petronille Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$139,300
Sacred Heart Mission	Hopkins Park	\$1,400	St. Joseph Parish	Addison	\$36,500	St. Philip the Apostle Parish	Addison	\$65,500
Sacred Heart Parish	Bonfield	\$6,100	St. Joseph Parish	Bradley	\$55,800	St. Pius X Parish	Lombard	\$67,800
Sacred Heart Parish	Joliet	\$9,200	St. Joseph Parish	Downers Grove	\$117,300	St. Raphael Parish	Naperville	\$179,000
Sacred Heart Parish	Kinsman	\$4,800	St. Joseph Parish	Joliet	\$44,300	St. Rose Parish	Wilmington	\$29,700
Sacred Heart Parish	Lombard	\$83,500	St. Joseph Parish	Lockport	\$50,000	St. Scholastica Parish	Woodridge	\$101,300
St. Alexander Parish	Villa Park	\$47,600	St. Joseph Parish	Manhattan	\$45,300	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	Naperville	\$174,600
St. Alexis Parish	Bensenville	\$28,400	St. Joseph Parish	Manteno	\$30,500	St. Walter Parish	Roselle	\$129,300
St. Ambrose Parish	Crest Hill	\$19,400	St. Joseph Parish	Rockdale	\$20,700	Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish	Chebanse	\$6,300
St. Andrew Kim Parish	Itasca	\$21,700	St. Jude Parish	Joliet	\$57,600	Sts. Peter & Paul Parish	Naperville	\$201,600
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish	Romeoville	\$67,500	St. Jude Parish	New Lenox	\$116,100	Visitation Parish	Elmhurst	\$136,100

A REFLECTION

from Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet, and Most Reverend Bishop E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Joliet

As you already know, Bishop Conlon has taken a medical leave of absence, and I have been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to manage the day-to-day operations of the diocese in his absence. I am humbled and honored to temporarily serve this wonderful diocese, and I ask that you please pray for Bishop Conlon while he is away.

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is vital to the continued financial and spiritual success of the diocese and will help to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. I prayerfully ask that you be faithful and generous in your support of the 2020 CMAA. Before his departure, Bishop Conlon chose the theme of the CMAA and wrote the reflection below.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we learn about Jesus' well-known Sermon on the Mount. It is through this sermon that Jesus teaches us to "turn the other cheek" and to "love our enemies." We imagine these lessons were challenging to His disciples in biblical times, but they are perhaps even more so for us today.

Yet for missionary disciples of Christ, the way we think, talk and act out our Catholic faith sets us apart and makes us a living witness of our loving God. Followers of Jesus must rise above the norm, adhere to a stricter moral standard, and practice higher ethical values than the secular world in which we live.

We reflected on Matthew's Gospel when the theme for the 2020 CMAA, *Be Kind and Merciful*, was chosen. Together, through the 30 ministries our annual appeal supports, we embody the spirit of what Jesus asks of each of us and show kindness and mercy to those most in need.

The following pages include meaningful stories of our brothers and sisters who are able live out our theme because of gifts to the CMAA. We also invite you to watch our *Be Kind and Merciful* video at jolietdioceseappeal.org, and witness testimonies that demonstrate how our annual appeal allows us to do the important work of God's Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

Please prayerfully consider joining us in supporting the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Your gift will help spread the Gospel message and provide the essential care to those most in need, ensuring the kindness and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us always. God bless you.

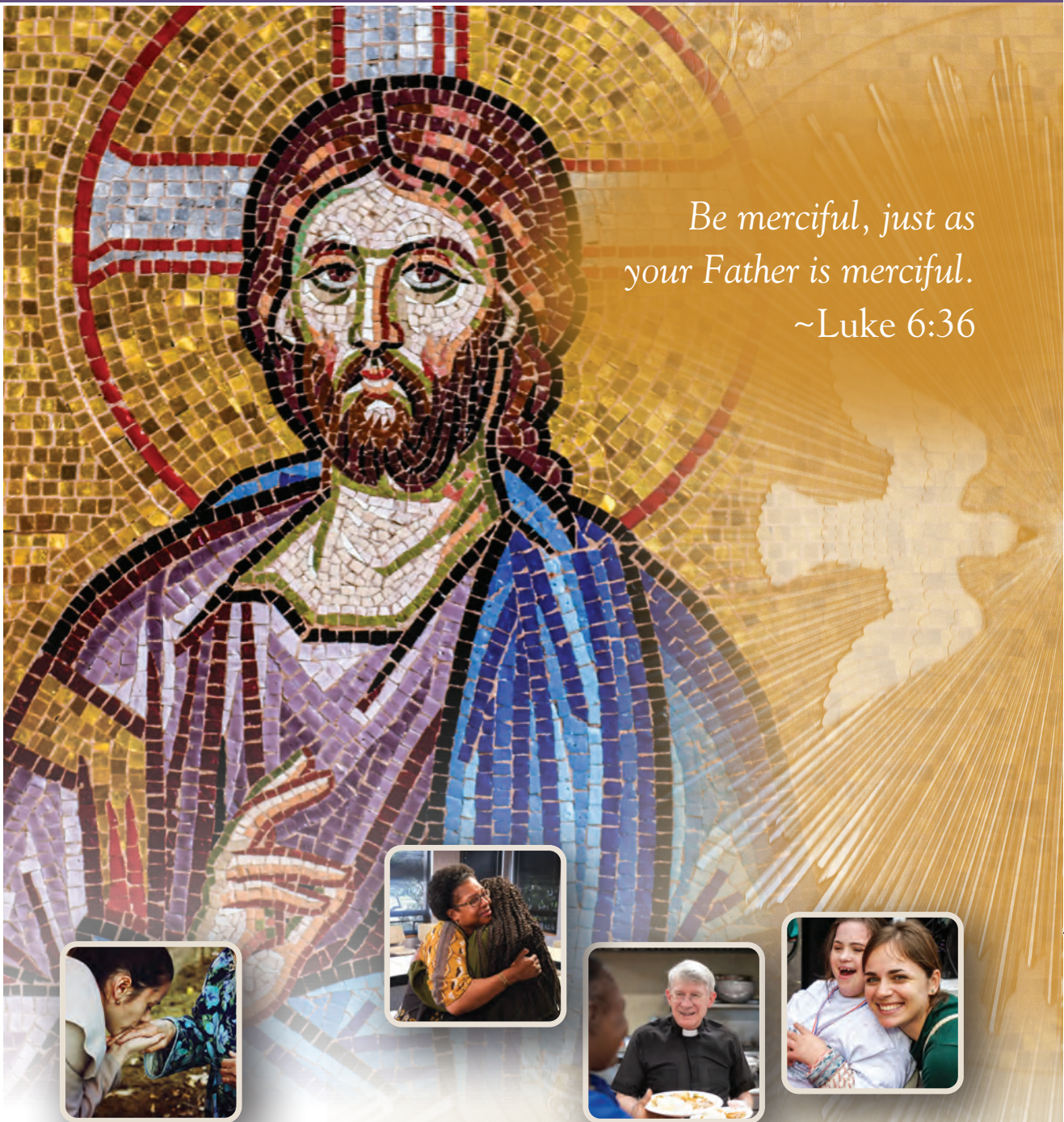


Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

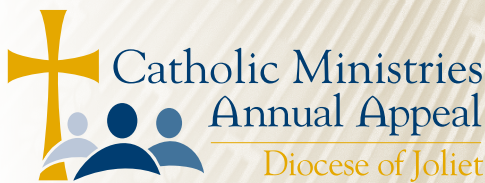


Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator,
Diocese of Joliet

P.S. You have our solemn assurance that all gifts received will be used only to fund the mission of the Diocese of Joliet and the 30 ministries supported by the CMAA.



be KIND and MERCIFUL




Your gift helps the Diocese of Joliet provide hope to those who need our help!

2020 CMAA goal: \$8.2 million | jolietdioceseappeal.org | [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [n](#)



GRATEFUL

‘Catholic Charities empowered me to work toward my goals.’




After Shatrece lost her job, she and her three children found themselves with no place to go. She turned to Catholic Charities, which did more than put a roof over her family’s heads — it placed them on a path toward self-sufficiency.

“Because of Catholic Charities’ kindness and mercy, my family is in a better place and I’m in a better place mentally, emotionally, financially and spiritually.”
~ Shatrece, Catholic Charities client

Catholic Charities assists people who are homeless due to circumstances like job loss, divorce or depleted savings.

As a counselor providing social work services in diocesan schools through Catholic Charities’ school counseling program, Mayra Isidoro helps children who are dealing with the pain of their parents’ divorce, struggling with anxiety, and managing different learning abilities.



MERCIFUL

‘Through counseling, Catholic Charities helps students succeed.’

“There’s still a big stigma and misconception of what mental health is, especially in youths. We support them in the school setting and help them build skills so they can succeed in school and in different situations that may come.”
~ Mayra Isidoro

Catholic Charities serves more than 60,000 children, adults and senior citizens in need each year through programs that extend Christ’s mercy to the most vulnerable members of our community.

FORMATION


Christian formation has been restructured in the Diocese of Joliet to model seminarian formation, which focuses on forming the whole person, so youth and adults in our parishes as well as students in Catholic schools all truly know Jesus Christ.



GRACE

‘We’re trying to help young people especially encounter the living Christ and to know that God is alive.’

“The ultimate goal is that everyone in our diocese will come to a life-changing encounter with Christ. And once they have that encounter, then we can start to form them into the missionary disciple that God has called them to be.”
~ Father Burke Masters, secretary for Christian formation



In Bishop Conlon’s pastoral letter, “Go,” He said, he encourages us all, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to “Go and Make Disciples” as Christ has commissioned.

SHEPHERDS

Our diocese is fortunate to have 48 senior priests who continue to serve us in countless ways.




HOLY

‘We have the opportunity to retire with dignity.’

When Father John Sebahar was ordained to the priesthood 61 years ago, he dedicated his life to caring for the people of this diocese. The parish communities he served supported him during his years of priestly ministry, and now the diocese ensures he and his fellow senior priests are taken care of during retirement at the St. John Vianney Retirement Home.

“Because of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, we have been supported tremendously at our retirement home. I’ve been here 18 years, and have been taken care of both spiritually and physically.”
~ Father John Sebahar




GRACE

‘Seminarians are entirely dependent upon God’s grace and the prayers of people in the pews.’


The Diocese of Joliet is blessed to have 33 men discerning a vocation to the priesthood as seminarians. They will spend as many as eight years in the seminary before, God willing, being ordained to the priesthood.

“Seminary formation is where men find the freedom that they need to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in the vocation He’s created them for.”
~ Father Steven Borello, vocations director




Our seminarians prepare for the priesthood at seminaries in Minnesota and Mundelein, Illinois. Formation for each seminarian can cost as much as \$50,000 a year.

Father Shaun Cieslik had settled into his career in the automotive industry when, in his mid-20s, he began to experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. His vocation took root through prayer, discernment and a call to serve people through ministry.



HOLY


‘Priesthood started weighing on my heart.’



Discernment groups and retreats, seminary visits, and Catholic sports camps help boys and men more clearly hear God’s special plan for their lives.

MISSIONARIES

The Diocese of Joliet reaches out to more than 300,000 Hispanic Catholics who enrich our community of faith.




GRACE

‘V Encuentro is a process of creating missionary disciples.’

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requested all dioceses undertake *V Encuentro*, a four-year process to discern how our Church can better respond to the specific needs of Hispanic Catholics. The Diocese of Joliet’s *V Encuentro* revealed four priorities in our Hispanic community, which aligned with their peers’ nationwide: family, young adults, pastoral formation and social justice.

“We’ve heard their voices. Now we’re going to create the ministries and work with parishes to fill the needs they expressed.”
~ Elisabeth Román, director of Hispanic and ethnic ministries



2019 CMAA allocations
In 2019, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal supported the following ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.

Catholic Charities Aging and Disability Services Community Classes and Groups Community Services Counseling	\$1,200,000 14% Daybreak Shelter and Medical Clinic Early Childhood Services Mobile Food Pantry Veterans’ Services
Catholic Schools and Christian Formation Adult Formation Catholic Schools	\$1,167,000 14% Youth Formation
Seminarian Education, Vocations and Priest Care Chaplains Continuing Formation of Clergy Permanent Diaconate Presbyteral Council Seminarians	\$2,143,000 26% St. John Retirement Home Vicar for Clergy Vicar for Religious Vocations
Christian Life Campus Ministry Divine Worship Ecumenism Ethnic Ministries Evangelization	\$914,000 11% Family Ministry Natural Family Planning Pastoral Concerns Pastoral Council Young Adult Ministry
Human Dignity Disability Advocacy Justice and Peace	\$364,000 4% Missions Respect Life
Other Ministries and Agency Services Child and Youth Protection Development and Stewardship	\$1,623,000 20% Parishioner Communication Tribunal
Rebates to Parishes	\$875,000 11%
TOTAL	\$8,286,000 100%

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal supports the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. No CMAA gifts are used to settle claims of any nature against the diocese.