

“Trust in the LORD  
with all your heart.”

Proverbs 3:5a



2025



CATHOLIC  
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# In Support of the Corporal Works of Mercy

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is the annual campaign supporting six local ministry areas that teach, feed, and heal.

Through the CMA, all parishes of the Archdiocese join together as the Body of Christ to collaborate in the Corporal Works of Mercy.

2025 Goal:

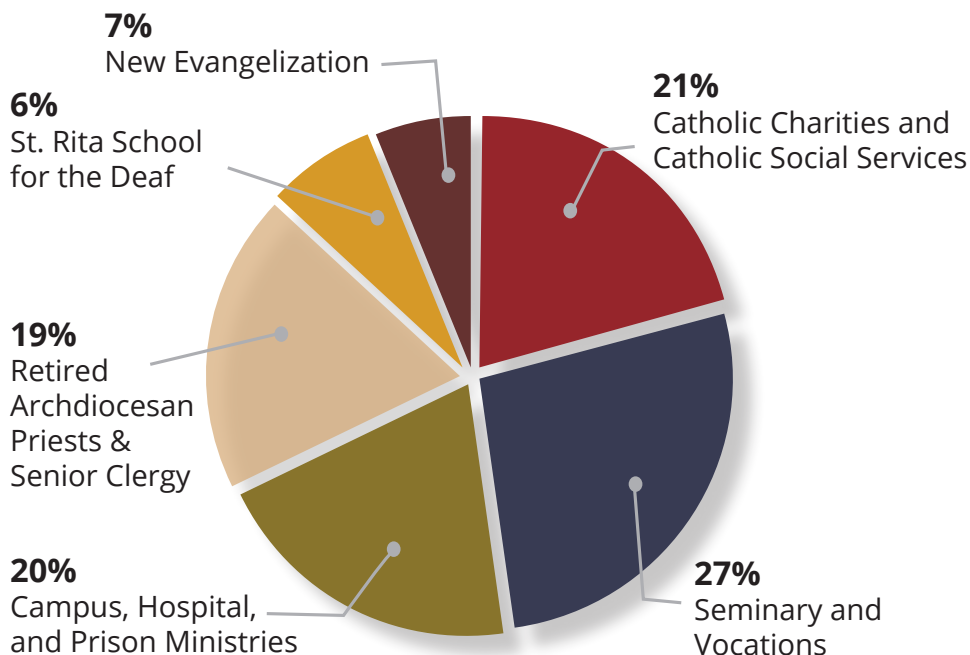
## \$5.5 Million

Parish Rebate:

**50% of over-goal funds stay  
with your parish**

## The CMA Supports Six Ministry Areas

Funds are distributed within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati based on the percentages shown below:



% of money raised  
for 2024 CMA

# of consecutive  
years donors have  
supported the CMA

10%

1-3 years

15%

4-6 years

31%

7-9 years

44%

10+ years

**44%** of the money raised  
in 2024 came from donors  
who have given every year  
for the last 10 or more years!

*"We have prayerfully supported the  
ministries for many years. It is a calling and  
privilege to be able to help."*

*"We've always believed that this appeal  
does great things."*

*"We have supported the CMA for many  
years. Our family has personally benefitted  
from many of the ministries."*

*"We have been donors since the inception  
of the CMA, and are glad we can continue  
to support it."*



"We are deeply **grateful** for the loyal and ongoing support of so many generous donors, with 75% of contributions coming from those who have given consistently over the years. We are also **encouraged** by the record number of new donors joining us this past year. Thank you to everyone who has partnered with us to support these vital ministries."

- Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

# Your Sacrificial Gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal Makes an Impact:

## Seminary and Vocations

Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology offers seminarian education, diaconate formation, and lay pastoral ministry programs.

**425,492** total meals served last year  
through *Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley*  
and *Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio*.



## Campus, Hospital & Prison Ministry

**CAMPUS:** Programs at Miami, UC & Wright State Universities keep students connected to their Catholic faith.

**HOSPITAL:** Chaplains and lay pastoral ministers bring the sacraments, prayer, and companionship.

**PRISON:** The incarcerated are visited by Christ in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist & Reconciliation. OCIA classes and other faith-based programs provided.

**108** priests receive retirement benefits,  
and **22** are Senior Clergy (priests who choose to  
postpone retirement and continue serving in active  
ministry beyond age 70).



## Center for the New Evangelization (CNE)

The Center for the New Evangelization equips parishes for mission and forms leaders as missionary disciples through evangelization training, marriage and family life ministry, Hispanic advocacy and formation, and college and young adult initiatives.

**Every** school liturgical service is  
expressed in ASL and spoken English.





This year, **40** men are in formation for the Archdiocese. In the last three years, **21** men have been ordained to the priesthood.

## Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio & Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley

These organizations provide emergency relief, food for the hungry, counseling, Hispanic services, senior services, and so much more.



Over **1,050** students are involved in Campus Ministry on a weekly basis. Over **40,000** annual hospital visits. **12** inmates completed OCIA and were received into the Church in the spring of 2024.

## Retired Archdiocesan Priests & Senior Clergy

The CMA helps extend the ministry of retired priests to parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Many of our priests continue their ministry for years after retirement by assisting pastors with weekend Masses, hearing confessions, visiting the sick in hospitals, and more.



**3,000+** Knelt in Eucharistic Adoration on Fountain Square for the "Jesus is Here" event this past summer, one of dozens of CNE events across the Archdiocese.

## St. Rita School for the Deaf

St. Rita School for the Deaf meets the educational and social needs of children who are deaf or have communication challenges. The school educates students in grades Pre-K through 12.



# Ways to Partner with Us



## by Mail or at Mass

Using the enclosed envelope, return your pledge card in the mail or add it to your parish's offertory basket at Mass.



## Give Online

Visit: **CatholicAOC.org/CMA**



## Stock Donations

Last year, many households donated stock to the CMA. Stock donation forms can be obtained at:

[CatholicAOC.org/CMA/Stock-Gifts](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA/Stock-Gifts)



## IRA or Donor Advised Funds

We can work directly with your tax advisor.

For more information, contact:  
[Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org](mailto:Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org)



## Become a CMA Partner

**CMA Partners exemplify leadership giving by:**

Pledging \$1,000 or more annually

- or -

Setting a monthly recurring gift online

visit: [catholicoac.org/CMA](http://catholicoac.org/CMA) and click "donate"

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