

Sharing God's Fruit!

Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal March 2025

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Thank you for your generous gift.



2025 BASA Participation Goals

25% of Households—\$4.75 Million.

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Each parish has a participation target based on their number of registered families. In 2024, the overall diocesan participation rate was 18%.

Case for Support

The Pastor's Advisory Committee has recommended, and Bishop Pohlmeier has approved the following case for support and estimated allocations:

Operational support for the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, missionary priests and sisters, campus ministry, engaging Catholics throughout the diocese.

Discipleship
and
Evangelization
\$765,000

16%

Seminarians, deacons, and support for active and retired priests.

Clergy
Formation
\$1.65 million

34%

Catholic Schools
St. Francis Academy and
St. Joseph Academy and parish
religious education programs.

Catholic
Education
\$685,000

15%

Catholic Charities of the
Diocese of St. Augustine, pro-life
ministry, and prison ministry.

Life and
Charity
\$1.2 million

26%

Multicultural ministries, marriage
and family life ministry, youth
and young adult ministries, and
Stella Maris Seafarers Ministry.

Pastoral Ministry
\$450,000

9%

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A Personal Invitation from Bishop Pohlmeier

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The good steward knows that every day
is a gift from God, to be lived with joy
and thanksgiving.

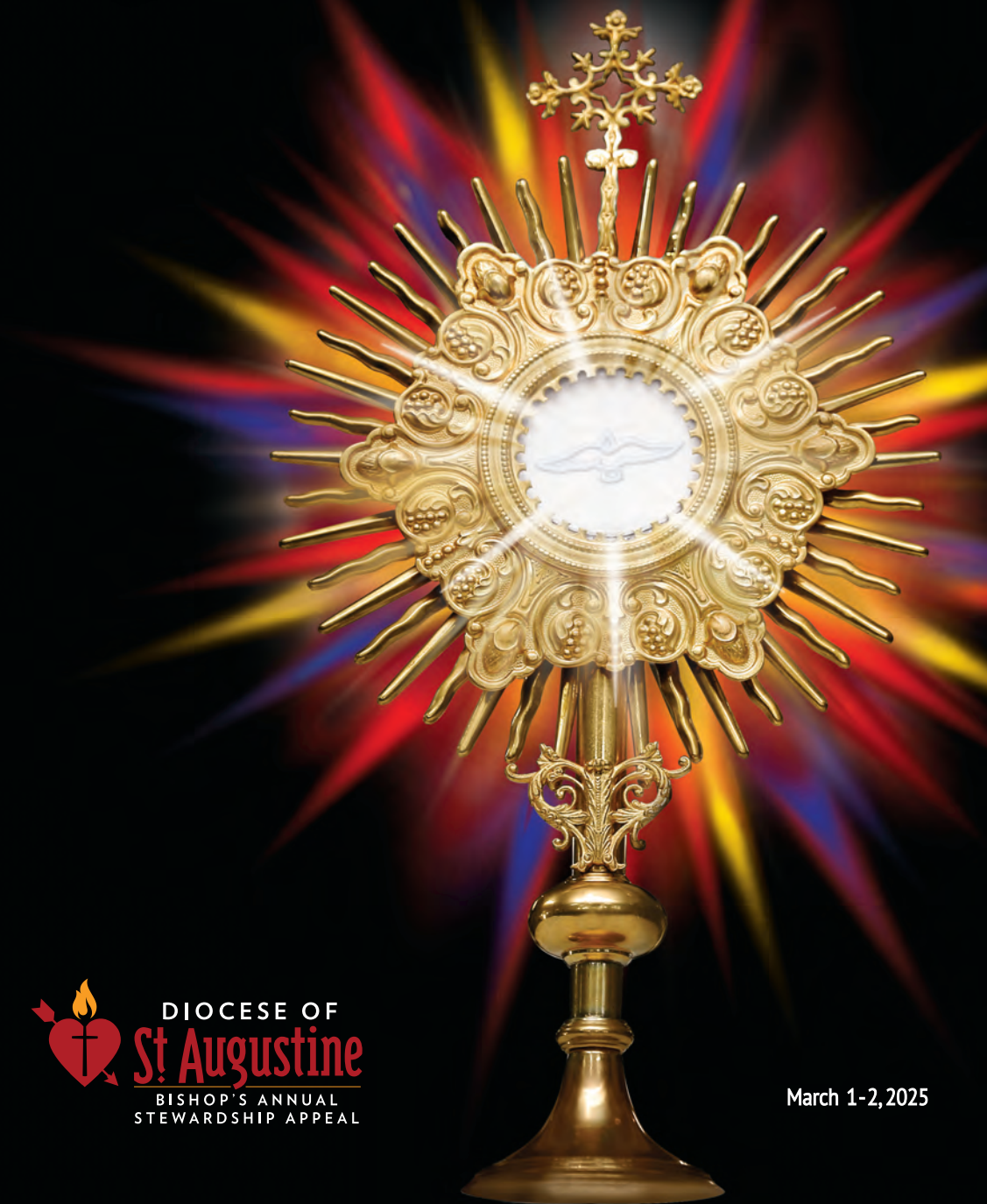
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March 1, 2025

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Through the Eucharist, God desires to heal, renew, give us His gift of His Son, and unify the Church. It is with great joy that I present this year's Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) theme—Sharing God's Fruit.

Through baptism, your life is transformed in faith, which changes how you see the world. Faith allows you to recognize God's love and care for you for all eternity. Many of your neighbors, perhaps even family members, lack a relationship with God or feel unworthy of His love. I know this because I often receive prayer requests for those who have fallen away from the Faith.

Today, you can make an impact. In His love, you are transformed and sent forth to share this gift with others. Filled with the Holy Spirit, every act of selfless love you receive and give bears fruit. St. Paul reminds us, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23).

Each year, BASA allows you to share your fruits across the Diocese of St. Augustine, sustaining over 20 ministries that strengthen families, form missionary disciples, support clergy, and provide hope for those in need. Your generosity to BASA has deeply impacted the Diocese at critical times, and I am truly thankful.

As we begin the 2025 BASA campaign, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are called in Sharing God's Fruit and lead others to encounter God's love and mercy. Every gift, no matter the amount, is a tangible sign of Sharing God's Fruits, helping us carry out Christ's mission in parishes across Northeast Florida. This year, we've increased support for retired clergy to assist with monthly living expenses. While in active ministry, housing was provided via their rectory, but now additional support is needed.

Please fill out the pledge form to make your commitment to the 2025 BASA. With our many important needs, I ask you to consider a gift of \$ a month for the next 6 payments, for a total of \$

With your support, we will continue serving many of our neighbors through diocesan ministries. All funds collected are used to share fruits with those in need across the Diocese of St. Augustine. Your pledge envelope is attached to this brochure. Please include your prayer intentions when you return it. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and willingness in Sharing God's Fruits.

Be assured of my prayers for your parish, your family, and yourself.

In Christ,

E. Pohlmeier

Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine

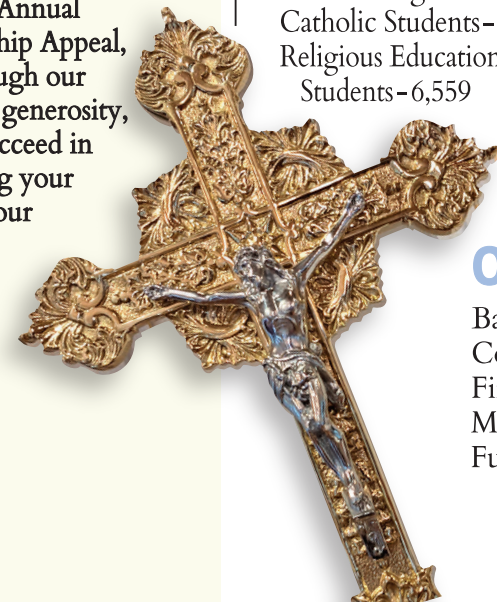


Heavenly Father,

Source of all gifts, pour your abundant graces upon us so that we may be responsible and generous stewards, giving back to you as you have so generously given yourself to us. Help us to reflect the sacrificial love of your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in all that we do, transforming our hearts to meet the deepest needs of our brothers and sisters.

Bless our efforts in the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, that through our faith and generosity, it may succeed in advancing your work in our diocese.

Amen



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2024 Review

Our Diocese

Registered Catholics – 164,079
Parishes – 54
Missions & Chapels – 17

Our Clergy

Priests & Deacons – 235
Sisters – 100
Retired Priest & Clergy – 81
Seminarians – 25

Our Education

Elementary Schools – 24
Diocese High Schools – 5
Catholic Students – 12,009
Religious Education Students – 6,559

Our Faith

Baptisms – 4,081
Confirmations – 1,974
First Communions – 1,937
Marriages – 494
Funerals – 1,207

Catholic Education:

A Catholic education is a truly unique learning experience. It focuses on developing the whole person, nurturing students' intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social needs. Through this approach, Catholic education encourages balanced growth in all areas of a student's life.



Pastoral Ministries:

Pastoral care is a ministry founded on compassion, reflecting the caring presence of Jesus, particularly for those experiencing pain or hardship. This ministry includes supporting healthy family development by offering constructive guidance and encouragement.

Clergy Formation:

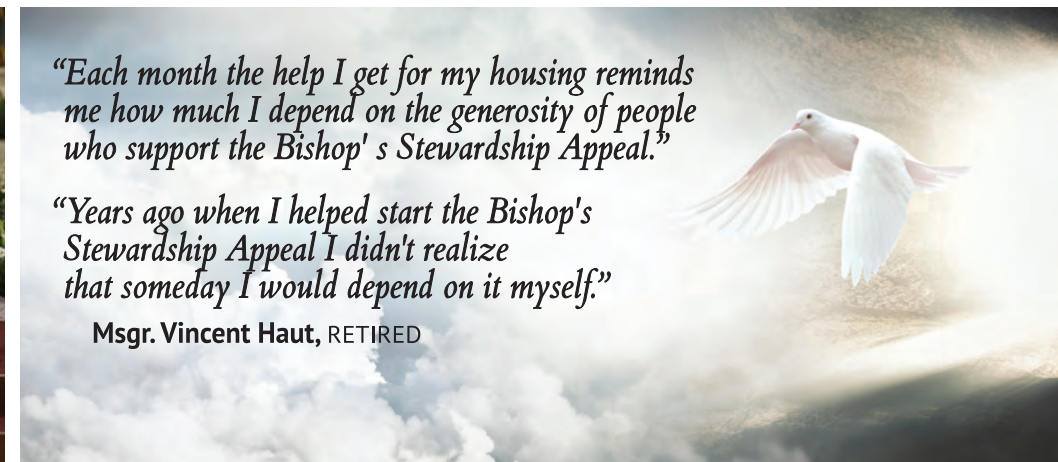
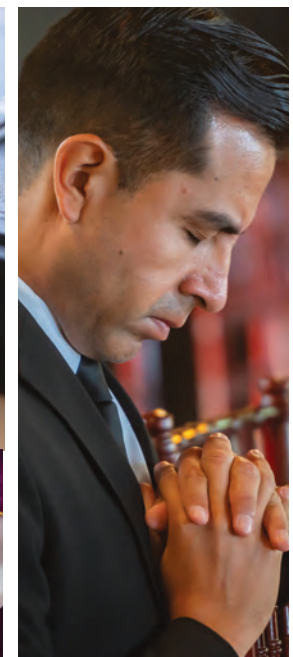
Offered to those with a defined mission, such as priesthood or membership of a religious order. Such information involved a program of spiritual and academic training.

Life, Charity & Justice:

The three theological virtues are faith, hope and charity. 1 Corinthians 13:13, Charity is translated as "love" and is the virtue by which Catholics demonstrate their love of God above all things.

Discipleship & Evangelization:

Christ fruits, demonstrates the love of God through both practical and spiritual needs of the poor, the outcast, and those Jesus would consider "the least of my brothers." It inspires to live out their God-given identity and calling.



THANK YOU

Crozier Society Members for your continued support. Your donations provide for spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of our entire community.

Please consider becoming a member by giving \$1000 or more annually to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

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2025 BASA Pledge Form

All information must be completed to process your pledge.

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Spouse's Title: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____ Spouse's Last Name (if Different): _____
Home Address: _____ ☐ New Address: _____ Apt. Unit #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Preferred Email Address: _____ Preferred Phone: ☐ Home ☐ Cell _____

Parish Name: _____

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Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____



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Monthly Initial Gift	Total Gift (Over 6- months)
\$ 25	\$ 150
\$ 50	\$ 300
\$ 75	\$ 450
\$167	\$1,000
\$250	\$1,500

Crozier Society Level

Your Pledge:

☐ One Time Gift: \$ _____ ☐ Cash/Check ☐ Credit/Debit Card
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(Automatic monthly deduction continues until you tell us to stop or increase your gift)
☐ Six-month pledge \$ _____ ☐ Cash/Check ☐ Credit/Debit Card

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Total Pledge: \$ _____

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