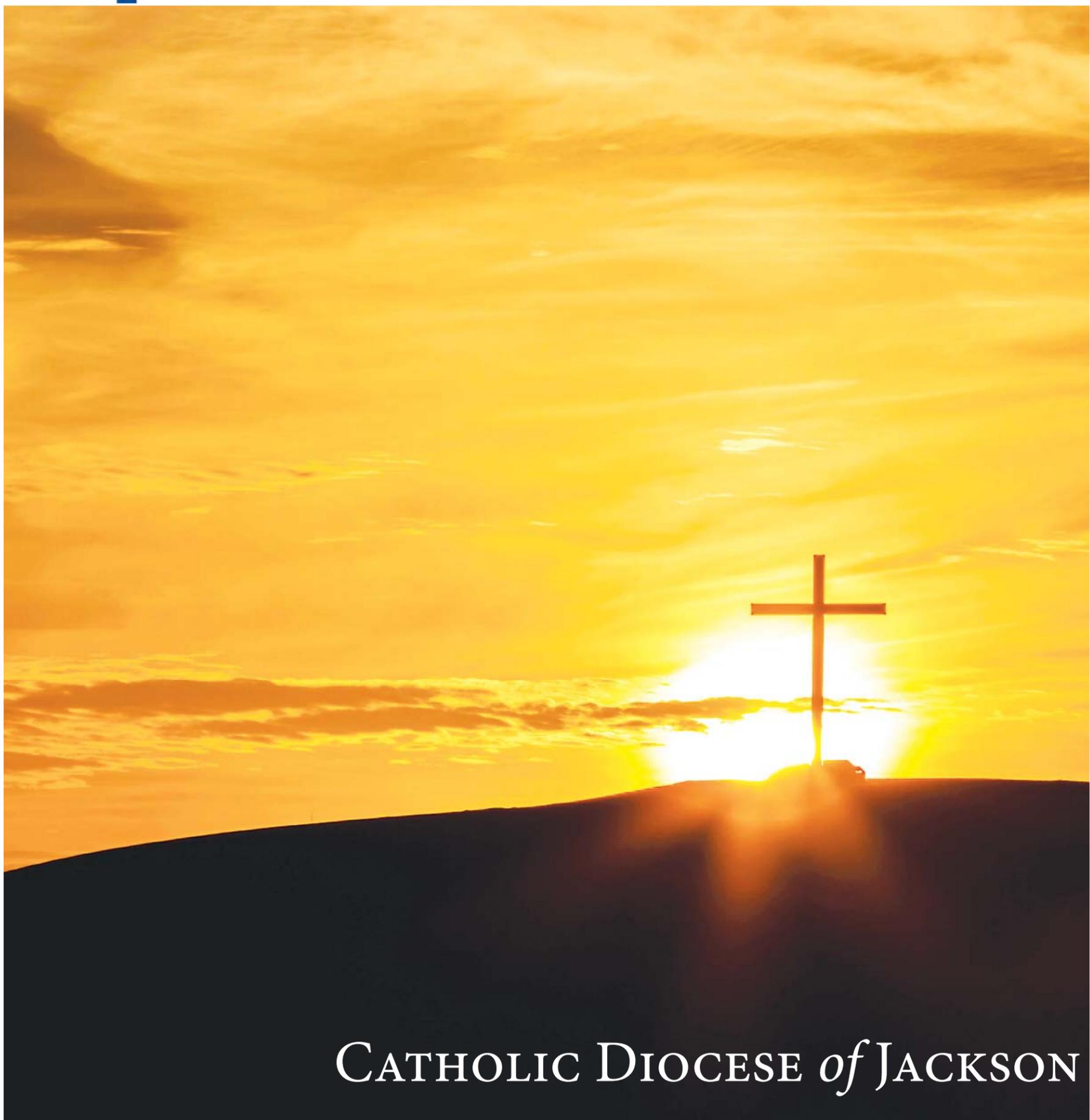


2018
CATHOLIC
SERVICE APPEAL



CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* JACKSON



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

I am truly amazed at the outpouring of generosity for the 2017 Catholic Service Appeal. I would like to thank you for your support and prayers. Our Catholic parishioners joined together to carry out the work of the church through the programs and services offered through our diocesan offices. It is because of your support to the Catholic Service Appeal that we exceeded our goal of \$1.1 million. It is supporters like you that made a difference. Please take a moment to review the annual report to see how the funds collected were allocated to the different ministries. As we prepare for the 2018 Catholic Service Appeal – *Serve...Embrace...Inspire* – I hope that we can count on your continued support. Your prayers and generosity make a difference. Please know that I am praying for you and your family.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Kopacz

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

\$150,000

Seminarian Education provides our diocese with priests that will minister to our Catholic Community. Your support of the Catholic Service Appeal helped the ten men prepare for the priesthood so that they receive the academic and spiritual formation necessary to serve the people of our diocese. Currently we have 11 seminarians who intend to spend their lives serving the church.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

\$400,000

The Catholic Service Appeal provides support to Catholic Charities so they can reach out to the most vulnerable and poor in the community. Catholic Charities, with program locations in Jackson, Natchez, Vardaman and Clarksdale, serves more than 15,000 men, women and children through direct services, crisis outreach, community education, and advocacy each year.



MISSION PARISHES / SCHOOLS

\$95,000

Our mission parishes and schools are filled with people who are committed to our Catholic faith and committed to building a stronger Catholic community, but resources are scarce. Your support helped to subsidize many of our mission parishes and schools, providing many Catholics in Mississippi a place to worship and providing children an education based on the gospel teachings.



PRISON MINISTRY

\$15,000

Provides counseling, spiritual guidance and bible study classes to the incarcerated. Provides Mass twice a month and special holiday meal celebrations. Assists in obtaining and preparing volunteers for other prisons in our diocese.



FORMATIONAL MINISTRIES

\$158,500

Lay Faith Formation Office provides training, retreats and certification for parish lay ministries and Catholic School teachers who are involved in catechesis, RCIA, Liturgy, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Pastoral Ministry and more. This training provided both on-site and online.

Hispanic Ministry Office reaches out to and initiates programs for the growing Hispanic population in our diocese. The diocese tends to the needs of the Hispanic population through liturgies, special celebrations unique to the Hispanic culture, and language relevant programming.

Black Catholic Ministry Office provides formational leadership training and programming implementation relative to all Catholics, with a special focus on Catholics of Native American and African descent.

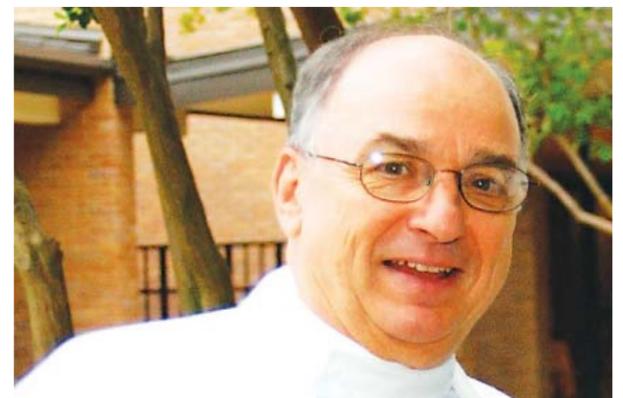
Family Ministry Office coordinates services and offers programs that support couples, families and individuals by way of marriage preparation, remarriage preparation, marriage enrichment, grief support, divorce support and Natural Family Planning.



RETIRED PRIESTS / CLERGY ASSISTANCE

\$110,000

Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal is a way of honoring those retired priests that have faithfully served our parishes and diocese for many years. Even in retirement, many continue to serve by celebrating Mass, visiting hospitals and ministering to the sick.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

\$50,000

The Campus Ministry program works with colleges around the diocese to help meet the spiritual needs of our Catholic young adults, the future leaders of our Church. Students find a place where they can learn to grow in their faith through the celebration of Mass, campus and diocesan retreats, social gatherings and bible study groups. We surround them with a community of believers who share a desire to live a Christian lifestyle.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

\$50,000

Works through media, print and internet to promote the new evangelization by bringing the gospel message to all the faithful in our diocese. Your support not only helped to keep our Catholics up to date on local, national and worldwide Catholic events through our Mississippi Catholic newspaper and website, but also offered the Church's teachings to the broader community. In the past three years, the department changed its name to the Department of Communications to better reflect the synergy of work being done online, in broadcast, media relations and in person. We reactivated the advisory council and are building a network of parish communicators to embrace our mission statement to "communicate the life and mission of Jesus Christ by encountering others in joy." Promotes the Catholic Church and the gospel message through media relations, public relations and multimedia efforts including broadcast and web-based communications.

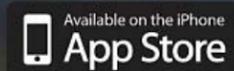


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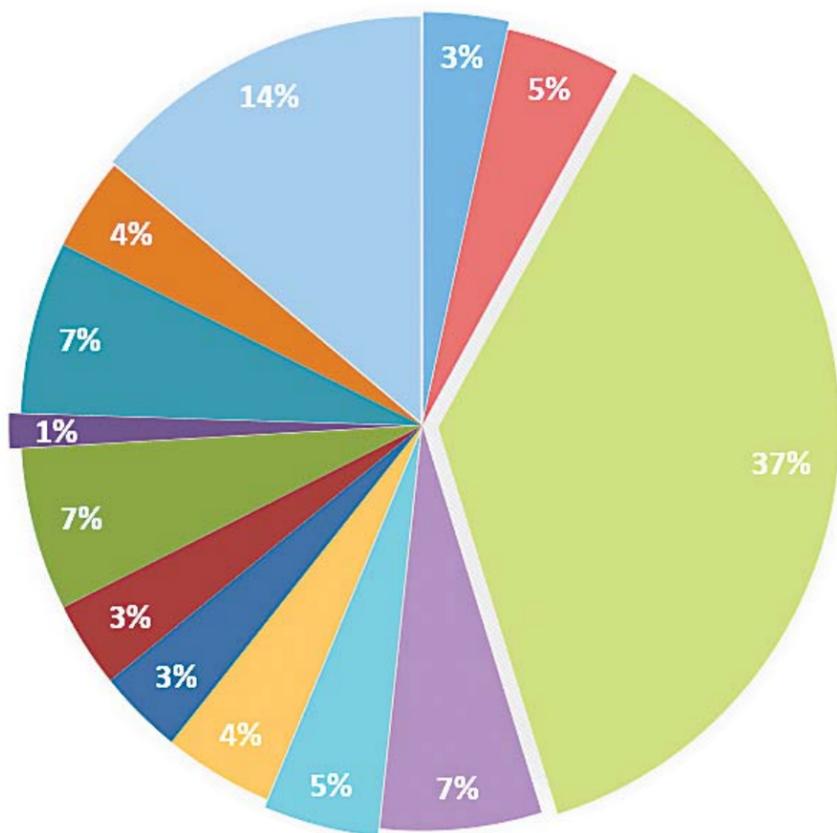
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CSA ALLOCATION



- Black Catholic Ministry 3%
- Evangelization/PR 5%
- Mission Parishes / Schools 7%
- Vocations 14%
- Campus Ministry 5%
- Family Ministry 4%
- Prison Ministry 1%
- Catholic Charities 37%
- Hispanic Ministry 3%
- Reserves 7%
- Clergy Assistance 7%
- Lay Ministry 3%
- Retired Priests 4%

BISHOP'S CIRCLE OF BENEFACTORS

The Bishop's Circle is a community of benefactors who take a leadership role in the work of the Church through the Catholic Service Appeal. As a member, you pledge to become partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Jackson as you set an example of good stewardship and reach out with love to people and ministries in need of your assistance.

FAITH \$10,000 OR MORE
Faith requires a strong, unshakeable and sincere belief in something meaningful.

HOPE \$7,500 TO \$9,999
Hope is a gift from God and your actions of giving reach out to people and ministries in need of your assistance.

CHARITY \$5,000 TO \$7,499
An act of charity is a true expression of benevolence and is at the heart of humanity.

MERCY \$3,500 TO \$4,999
To be merciful is to show compassion for others, especially the least, the last and the lost in our society.

WISDOM \$2,500 TO \$3,499
Wisdom is a true understanding of our whole life and all our actions are for God's honor and glory.

FORTITUDE \$1,500 TO \$2,499
To have fortitude shows an understanding that action must be taken to be good stewards with the gifts that God has so graciously shared with us.

GENEROSITY \$1,000 TO \$1,499
Generosity requires an unselfish spirit and reflects a warm sympathetic nature.

GRATITUDE \$500 TO \$999
Gratitude is a way of expressing one's appreciation for all God has given.

FRIEND \$250 TO \$499
Friends support and share the Bishop's vision for the services and ministries of our diocese.