



2022 Catholic Service Appeal Campaña Católica de Servicio 2022



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ANNUAL REPORT 2022
CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* JACKSON





DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

As I reflect on the past year I see the impact of the pandemic upon all areas of our lives. It continues to be a trying time, but not without points of light. When I look beyond the surface level I realize how our church has not just survived but has thrived. Each parish had to come up with new ways to bring the Gospel message to their parishioners. We have all become more tech savvy so we could stay connected. Our Catholic Schools are educating more students, and Catholic Charities continues to serve vulnerable populations across the state as a visible sign of Christ's love. Family members have become closer, realizing we need one another now more than ever. We all have realized along the way the things that are truly important to us.

As I looked over the CSA annual report for this past year, it struck me again how important these ministries are to the people of our diocese. As you review this report, I hope that you will see how each of these ministries and all of them combined are the face of Jesus Christ in varied and many ways. I would like to personally thank you for your donation to the Catholic Service Appeal. I am so proud of how you and so many others have come together to support these important ministries of our diocese during these uncertain times.

Your prayers and generosity make a difference. Please know that I am praying for you and your family.

Most Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Kopacz

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

\$ 150,000

Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal supports our six seminarians who are in formation to become a priest in our diocese. We are so lucky to have these men who are discerning to one day become priests in our parishes.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

\$ 300,329

Catholic Charities works to improve the lives of those they serve. They work to strengthen families and nurture the children and youth they serve, break the cycle of domestic violence for women and their children, welcome and integrate immigrants and refugees, and parish and community engagement. Catholic Charities reaches out to the vulnerable and poor in the community through direct services, crisis outreach, community education and advocacy each year.



RETIRED PRIESTS / CLERGY ASSISTANCE

\$ 175,000

Our retired priests have served our parishes for many years, and they continue to serve our Diocese even in retirement. The diocese has 19 retired priests that the appeal helps to support, as well as our clergy who may need assistance during the year.



FORMATIONAL MINISTRIES

\$ 150,500

Religious Education and Faith Formation Office brings people into a closer relationship with God through educational and experiential opportunities for encounter. This ministry helps prepare parish volunteers become certified catechists so they can work with adults and youth. They provide 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.

The Intercultural Office works with Black, Hispanic, Vietnamese and Native American Catholics in our diocese to develop leadership, celebrate diverse cultures and strengthen parish engagement. The staff offers leadership training, family programs and retreat experiences to celebrate their gifts and deepen their Catholic faith.

The Family Ministry Office works with couples preparing for the sacrament of matrimony by offering programs that support couples, families, and individuals by way of marriage preparation, remarriage preparation enrichment, divorce support and Natural Family Planning. Their goal is to strengthen the vocation of marriage for those entering a lifelong commitment.

The Youth Ministry Office – With the Catholic population in our diocese at only 3%, Youth Ministry allows our Catholic youth to gather at retreats and conferences, so they interact with other Catholic youth and engage in their faith. An emphasis is placed on learning the importance of developing a relationship with God. Through youth ministry the kids in our parishes deepen their faith and can participate in diocesan events like SEARCH Retreat, Catholic Youth Convention and other activities that help them strengthen their Catholic faith.



MISSION PARISHES AND SCHOOLS

\$ 75,000

Mission Parishes – The Catholic Service Appeal helps to provide grant opportunities for parishes to help with projects in their parish. Our mission parishes are filled with parishioners who are dedicated to their Catholic faith. These parishes are small but determined to build a strong Catholic community. Because they are small, they need the support of larger churches to help them accomplish the mission of our Catholic faith.

Mission Schools – Catholic Schools have provided education in our diocese since 1847, offering a Catholic education in a Christ-centered environment. Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal contributes to grant opportunities for our schools to help them provide a quality education to these children.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

\$ 50,000

Our young adults at college in our diocese need to be supported in their faith. Campus Ministry helps connect them to a parish to help them meet their spiritual needs and develop faith-filled friendships. Campus Ministry provides a community of believers who share a desire to live a Catholic Christian lifestyle.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

\$ 50,000

Your support not only helps to keep our Catholics up to date on local, national and worldwide Catholic events through our *Mississippi Catholic* newspaper and website, but also offers the church's teachings to the broader community. Our mission is to promote the Catholic Church and the Gospel message through media relations, public relations and multimedia efforts, including broadcast and web-based communications.



Department of Communications

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Message from the Stewardship and Development Director



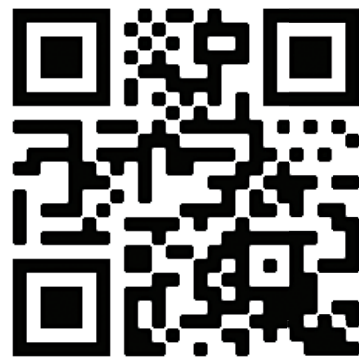
Rebecca Harris

As we kick off the 2022 Catholic Service Appeal, we remember all that has changed in our world and our lives over the past 24 months. We also remember that our Catholic faith has been there in these trying times. Each year the Catholic Service Appeal raises money for the ministries listed in this insert; ministries that are central to our diocese and our faith.

As you look over this report, I hope that you are inspired by the work that is done to help so many supported by the Appeal. Our theme for this year is Hope Rising. With your gift to the CSA, you become the 'Hope Rising' to those served by the Appeal.

Bishop Kopacz mailed letters to all parishioners in the diocese asking you to support the Catholic Service Appeal. If you did not receive your letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Catholic Service Appeal Office. You can also make your gift online by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone or you can go to csa.jacksondiocese.org. We also have a text to give feature to give online by texting 601-706-5858.

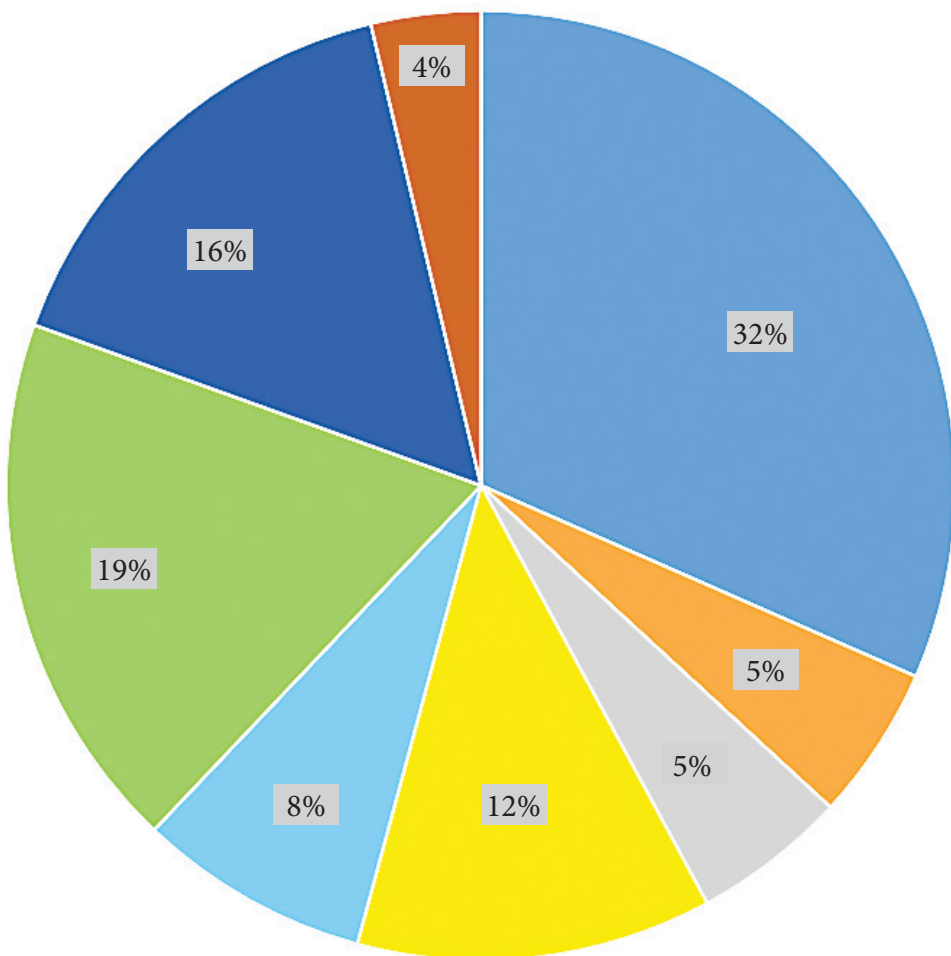
If you have questions, please contact me at (601) 960-8477.



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CSA ALLOCATION



- Catholic Charities 32%
- Evangelization/PR 5%
- Mission Parishes/Schools 8%
- Seminarian Education 16%
- Campus Ministry 5%
- Formational Ministry 12%
- Retired Priests/Clergy Assistance 19%
- Youth Ministry 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.

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

CIRCLE OF 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.

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

CIRCLE OF 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.

CIRCLE OF 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.

CIRCLE OF 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.

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

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

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