



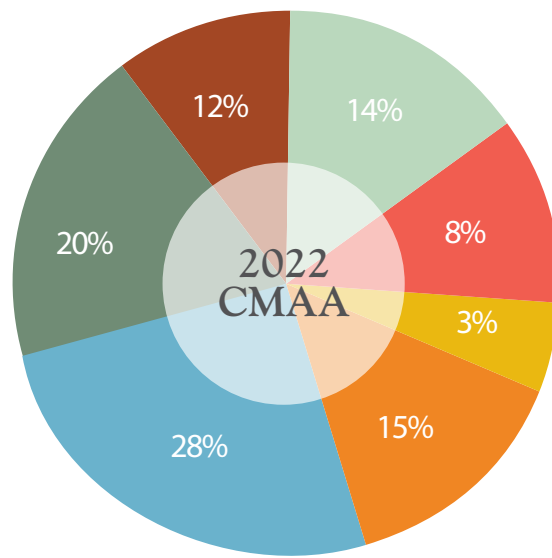
Prayerfully consider joining the *Deo Gratas Society* with your gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

When you pledge \$100 a month for 10 months to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, you are welcomed as a member of the *Deo Gratas Society*. Members take a leadership role in the work of the Church, becoming partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Joliet.

In addition to spiritual benefits, membership includes an annual Mass and reception with Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, and recognition in our annual publication for society members.

2022 CMAA ALLOCATIONS

In 2022, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal supported essential ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.



Educating children and adults in the faith through Catholic schools and religious education	14%
Ministering to people of all ages, abilities and ethnicities	8%
Honoring the dignity of life	3%
Serving our brothers and sisters in need through Catholic Charities	15%
Strengthening vocations, educating seminarians and supporting clergy	28%
Serving and protecting children and parishioners	20%
Returning funds to parishes	12%
TOTAL	\$8,228,000
	100%

Pledge a gift to help your parish reach its goal and receive a CMAA rebate.
In 2022, CMAA rebates to parishes totaled \$1,130,000.

PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2023 CMAA GOAL	PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2023 CMAA GOAL	PARISH/MISSION	CITY	2023 CMAA GOAL
Ascension of Our Lord Parish	Oakbrook Terrace	\$41,800	St. Ann Parish	Channahon	\$38,900	St. Lawrence Parish	South Wilmington	\$10,200
Assumption of the B.V.M. Parish	Coal City	\$30,700	St. Anne Parish	Crest Hill	\$10,800	St. Liborius Parish	Steger	\$35,000
Assumption Parish	Ashkum	\$5,900	St. Anne Parish	Oswego	\$109,300	St. Luke Parish	Carol Stream	\$20,400
Cathedral of St. Raymond	Joliet	\$78,200	St. Anne Parish	Saint Anne	\$10,700	St. Margaret Mary Parish	Herscher	\$9,900
Christ the King Parish	Lombard	\$56,800	St. Anthony Parish	Frankfort	\$96,000	St. Margaret Mary Parish	Naperville	\$118,900
Christ the Servant Parish	Woodridge	\$43,500	St. Anthony Parish	Joliet	\$10,900	St. Mark Parish	Wheaton	\$15,000
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	Carol Stream	\$41,500	St. Bernard Parish	Homer Glen	\$58,200	St. Mary Immaculate Parish	Plainfield	\$209,900
Divine Mercy Parish	Lombard	\$47,200	St. Bernard Parish	Joliet	\$8,200	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	Joliet	\$17,600
Divine Savior Parish	Downers Grove	\$56,000	St. Boniface Parish	Monee	\$11,300	St. Mary Nativity Parish	Joliet	\$40,900
Holy Cross Parish	Joliet	\$12,100	St. Charles Borromeo Parish	Bensenville	\$36,600	St. Mary of Gostyn Parish	Downers Grove	\$139,600
Holy Family Parish	Shorewood	\$91,100	St. Daniel the Prophet Parish	Wheaton	\$60,000	St. Mary Mission	Reddick	\$3,700
Holy Ghost Parish	Wood Dale	\$54,300	St. Dennis Parish	Lockport	\$72,900	St. Mary Parish	Beaverville	\$7,500
Holy Spirit Catholic Community	Naperville	\$94,300	St. Dominic Parish	Bolingbrook	\$48,300	St. Mary Parish	Minooka	\$46,100
Holy Trinity Parish	Westmont	\$71,300	St. Edmund Parish	Watska	\$12,400	St. Mary Parish	Mokena	\$160,700
Immaculate Conception Mission	Roberts	\$1,100	St. Elizabeth Seton Parish	Naperville	\$106,100	St. Mary Parish	Park Forest	\$13,100
Immaculate Conception Parish	Braidwood	\$10,200	St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Bolingbrook	\$80,800	St. Mary Parish	Paxton	\$12,100
Immaculate Conception Parish	Elmhurst	\$119,800	St. Francis Xavier Parish	Joliet	\$35,200	St. Mary Parish	Plano	\$36,000
Immaculate Conception Parish	Gilman	\$6,700	St. George Parish	St. George	\$27,100	St. Mary Parish	West Chicago	\$55,800
Immaculate Conception Parish	Morris	\$69,200	St. Irene Parish	Warrenville	\$65,600	St. Matthew Parish	Glendale Heights	\$58,700
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish	Elmhurst	\$37,800	St. Isaac Jogues Parish	Hinsdale	\$176,100	St. Michael Parish	Wheaton	\$176,900
Maternity B.V.M. Parish	Bourbonnais	\$84,000	St. Isidore Parish	Bloomington	\$147,500	St. Patrick Parish	Joliet	\$23,200
Notre Dame Parish	Clarendon Hills	\$115,100	St. James Parish	Irwin	\$8,000	St. Patrick Parish	Kankakee	\$34,700
Our Lady of Korean Martyrs Mission	Lockport	\$5,000	St. James the Apostle Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$83,200	St. Patrick Parish	Momence	\$19,000
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Gibson City	\$12,900	St. Joan of Arc Parish	Lisle	\$112,300	St. Patrick Parish	Wilton Center	\$9,700
Our Lady of Mercy Parish	Aurora	\$141,900	St. John Paul II Parish	Kankakee	\$54,000	St. Patrick Parish	Yorkville	\$85,600
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish	Darien	\$82,800	St. John the Apostle Parish	Villa Park	\$22,300	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Joliet	\$56,600
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish	Joliet	\$25,600	St. John the Baptist Mission	L'Erable	\$4,500	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Peotone	\$16,700
Our Lady of Peace Parish	Darien	\$95,100	St. John the Baptist Parish	Joliet	\$21,700	St. Peter Mission	Piper City	\$2,200
Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish	Homer Glen	\$35,200	St. John the Baptist Parish	Winfield	\$108,500	St. Peter Parish	Clifton	\$6,100
Queenship of Mary Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$15,200	St. John Vianney Parish	Lockport	\$15,700	St. Peter Parish	Itasca	\$57,000
Resurrection Parish	Wayne	\$54,800	St. Joseph Mission	Crescent City	\$3,600	St. Petronille Parish	Glen Ellyn	\$140,500
Sacred Heart Mission	Hopkins Park	\$1,600	St. Joseph Parish	Addison	\$32,600	St. Philip the Apostle Parish	Addison	\$60,400
Sacred Heart Parish	Bonfield	\$6,100	St. Joseph Parish	Bradley	\$48,000	St. Pius X Parish	Lombard	\$64,000
Sacred Heart Parish	Joliet	\$9,100	St. Joseph Parish	Downers Grove	\$119,100	St. Raphael Parish	Naperville	\$180,700
Sacred Heart Parish	Kinsman	\$5,500	St. Joseph Parish	Joliet	\$45,700	St. Rose Parish	Wilmington	\$26,100
Sacred Heart Parish	Lombard	\$83,800	St. Joseph Parish	Lockport	\$41,000	St. Scholastica Parish	Woodridge	\$99,000
St. Alexander Parish	Villa Park	\$46,700	St. Joseph Parish	Manhattan	\$47,600	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	Naperville	\$168,000
St. Alexis Parish	Bensenville	\$25,000	St. Joseph Parish	Manteno	\$27,800	St. Walter Parish	Roselle	\$130,600
St. Ambrose Parish	Crest Hill	\$21,100	St. Joseph Parish	Rockdale	\$25,100	Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish	Chebanse	\$5,000
St. Andrew Kim Parish	Itasca	\$24,600	St. Jude Parish	Joliet	\$57,300	Sts. Peter & Paul Parish	Naperville	\$205,800
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish	Romeoville	\$58,100	St. Jude Parish	New Lenox	\$116,000	Visitation Parish	Elmhurst	\$145,500



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his first Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells us, "... all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God" (1 Cor 3:22-23).

After much reflection on this passage from today's Second Reading, I believe St. Paul is essentially saying, "We belong to God!" Not only does this perfectly encapsulate the baptized missionary disciples of the Diocese of Joliet, but also how we choose to live out the Gospel through our support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

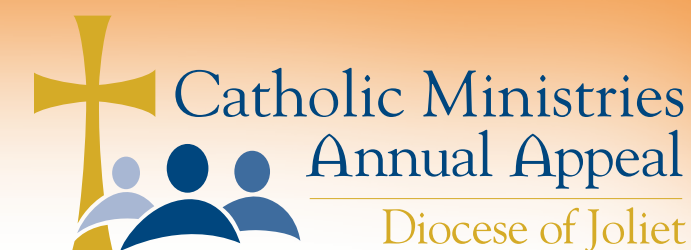
When we give to the CMAA, we not only show our love of God, but we also demonstrate and share God's love with our neighbors. Every day across the Diocese of Joliet, because of your generosity, we serve people in need through Catholic Charities, form the next generation of faithful in our Catholic schools and parishes, and educate the men who will serve as our priests.

As we launch the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider how you belong to God as well as Christ's Church. I invite you to put your faith into action, with love, and make your pledge today.

Peace,
Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

We Belong to *God*



2023 CMAA goal: \$8.2 million | jolietdioceseappeal.org

Our most vulnerable belong to God.

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us.

In 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People to address allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and to provide dioceses with guidelines for reconciliation, healing and accountability and steps to prevent abuse.

In accordance with the charter, and to maintain safe environments for children and vulnerable adults, the Diocese of Joliet requires all clergy, employees and volunteers who minister with these vulnerable populations to comply with diocesan safe environment compliance requirements. This includes participating in a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training and submitting to a criminal background check.

The diocese also gives assistance to victims-survivors of abuse and their families. Our diocese has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to talk with and listen to victims-survivors and help them make a report to civil authorities.

"The importance of this ministry to maintain safe environments isn't only for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults, but also for those of us who minister to them," said Leah Heffernan, director of Child and Youth Protection.

The CMAA supports the protection of children and vulnerable adults in our diocese.



Our seminarians belong to God.

Deacon Frank Pusateri was just seven years old when a classmate asked if he was going to be a priest. He'd received a scapular for his First Holy Communion and, apparently, wearing it on the outside of his clothes like a priest meant he was going to be one, too.

The idea stuck with him and became a spark that was nurtured through the years by parish priests at St. Walter in Roselle and the saints, whose lives he studied and considered emulating as a member of a religious community. But junior year in college, during a silent retreat he helped organize, he felt God calling him to the diocesan priesthood.

"One thing emphasized throughout the retreat was, if you give God this time of silence, He'll speak to you," Deacon Frank said.

Since his heart had been set on joining a religious order, he decided to pretend he had not heard the Lord and instead went on to graduate and start his job search. But that summer, while volunteering with the Catholic youth program Totus Tuus, he got to know several Diocese of Joliet seminarians.

"I could imagine myself being one of them," Deacon Frank said. "Within a month, I was talking to the vocations director and applying to the seminary."

Deacon Frank is now in his final year at Mundelein Seminary, preparing for his ordination to the diocesan priesthood. "This is where God wants me to be," he said.

The CMAA supports men who are discerning vocations to the priesthood and in seminary formation for the Diocese of Joliet.



Those with special needs belong to God.

Each autumn, families gather at the Mass for those with special needs, which Bishop Hicks celebrates at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Ensuring that every child in the Diocese of Joliet is formed in the Catholic faith, especially those with special needs, is Renata Cichowicz's mission and passion in life.

As a leader of pastoral outreach for the diocese, Renata oversees religious education for children and adults with Down syndrome, autism and other disabilities, as well as hearing loss — those she considers the "precious gems in the community."

Currently, too few such programs exist in the diocese. Her goal is to increase the number of parishes offering different stages of this specialized faith formation, as well as continuing spiritual formation for adults with special needs, so all families have an option. She also plans to provide education to parishes about how to embrace those with special needs and make them feel welcome.

"So long as they feel safe and have attention, they really can point us to what love is all about — that it's unconditional," she said.

The CMAA supports faith formation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.



The ministries and programs we support through the CMAA are essential to the mission of the Diocese of Joliet and to doing God's work here on earth.

When we join together, we make a difference in the lives of many.

Our seniors belong to God.

When Joyce signed up for Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program, she needed the type of assistance many older adults who live alone do. "I'm not able to drive my car, and I really felt isolated," she said.

Not only did she find someone to help her run errands and take her to the doctor, but she also gained a close friend in her companion, Charlie Williams. "I appreciate everything she does for me, and I really appreciate having a friend," Joyce said. "I just love her. We've developed a bond, and I feel very fortunate for that."

Charlie began volunteering after she retired and learned about the Senior Companion Program at her church. After she completed 20 hours of training, Catholic Charities matched her with Joyce. The two visit regularly as well as talk on the phone, and she has connected Joyce with other resources from the agency and community partners.

"I realized I need to help others to further develop my faith, and also to put my faith into action," Charlie said. "She's helped me also, by just being a friend."

The CMAA supports Catholic Charities and helps older adults stay independent.



Our children belong to God.

Every morning, students at Mother Teresa Catholic Academy in Crete make their way to the gym so the school community can begin their day together, in prayer.

"The kids know that prayer is central to all we do," said Annie Murray, principal.

The school is dedicated to being both academically excellent and what Annie calls "unapologetically" Catholic. Students attend Mass every week and gather monthly to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. From an early age, they learn how to lead their classmates in prayer as well as how to pray spontaneously and share those conversations with God with others.

As principal, her goal is for Mother Teresa students to realize that they can never cause God to cross His arms and turn His back on them. "We tell them, God is always standing there waiting for us, arms wide open — we just have to turn around and look," she said. "We really want kids to understand that belonging to God means that we are deeply, passionately loved."

The CMAA supports the Catholic Schools Office, which serves Catholic elementary and high schools in the diocese as well as the administrators, teachers and staff members forming students academically and spiritually.