

The active practice of religion is in jeopardy and the impact on society is evident. It is not enough to quietly attend Mass and privately practice. If not us, who? We need to be Jesus' witnesses, showing people the joy that Jesus brings to us in our life and bringing others to follow him in this beautiful way of life.

**Let us join together and rebuild our local and regional Catholic Church!**

**Testimonials:**

*"I want the church to survive and prosper."*

Fred, Glens Falls, NY (29 years of giving)

*"We give to the Diocese because we have both been Catholics our entire lives. We believe in Catholicism and do our best to practice being good Catholics every day."*

Bob and Janice, Ilion, NY (7 years of giving)

*"Yes there are problems with the Church which are incredibly disappointing and disheartening. I believe if I invest, I am affecting the path forward and its future. Selfishly I want the Church to be part of my family from births to deaths and everything in between."*

Patricia, Albany, NY (18 years of giving)



## Diocesan Appeal

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### Did you know?

Zero percent of the funding of our Diocese comes from the Vatican

Our cost to raise \$1 for the Diocesan Appeal last year was 7¢ compared to the national average of 20¢



Coming soon – our Donor Impact Report for 2021-22!

**JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023**



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*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

**While there have been significant challenges for our Diocese and parishes over the past several years, these do not represent the full story of the Catholic Church.**

Our 126 parishes are serving you, their faith communities, daily bringing a range of ministries and sacraments to life for individuals and families - and the Diocese continues to serve each parish as a partner to help them fulfill the Great Commission which Jesus gave to His Church:

***“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*** MATTHEW 28:19

Our Diocesan specialized services for parishes are in a constant state of innovation, looking for the next great idea or adaptation of an existing service/resource/ ministry and more to help parishes better serve their communities.

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Within each individual parish is where we know the Catholic Church and the propensity for the fulfillment of our mission comes to life!

**Mission support of your parish via these Diocesan**

**Departments:** Catechist Formation, Evangelization, Faith Formation and Education, Marriage and Family Life, Pastoral Care, Prayer and Worship, Respect Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

**Your support of the Diocesan Appeal is not, in the end, for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – but rather it is as a key mission and logistics partner and resource for your parish and the 125 others in our 14 counties.**

The principal expenses of the Diocese – and its primary responsibility – provide comprehensive support services and expertise to each parish to remove or minimize burdens that are necessities of parish administration such as expertise in canon law, liturgical updates by the Vatican, human resources, computer systems and technology, building codes and maintenance repair standards, health and safety guidelines, state and federal financial regulations, etc. – the behind the scenes components that help sustain each parish.

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Our priority is to lift up your parish leader(s) and their staff to enable their focus on ministry to the faithful.

**Operations support for your parish via these Diocesan Departments:** Canonical Services (ex. marital nullity), Accounting and Finance, Human Resources and Safe Environment, Building Management Services, Information Technology, Stewardship.

**Forge the Future:**

Beyond underwriting support for the needs of your parish, your Diocesan Appeal gift also directly invests in the future of the Church: underwriting the complete religious formation programs for priests (currently 33 in formation and 10 in discernment), deacons and nuns; and underwriting the administrative structure managing our 19 Catholic schools which help to form prospective parishioners!

**Our prayer is that you reflect on how your support can affect positive change!** God calls us to be active stewards of the Church – essential to its sustenance and growth. Now is a critical time. If we instead rely solely on action by our neighbors, what is the impact to our branch – your parish – or even the vine – the Diocese? We are stronger together, we thrive together, and we are disciples in faith together. Your investment in your parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal combine to bring to life the ministries from which our hearts are nourished...and it serves to strengthen the WHOLE Catholic Church! If the practice of your Catholic faith brings value to your life and you pray for a culture of others living a life in Christ, please join us in stewarding and strengthening our Church by making your gift to the Diocesan Appeal TODAY!