

SUMMARY 2023 APPEAL

The faithful stewards of each parish have upheld our purpose to be Christ for one another with their time, talent and generosity. United as one faith family, we have been able to do what one cannot accomplish alone with a total **of \$3,191,958.60 collected from 5,251** donors (as of January 16, 2024). As we close the 2023 Appeal with strength, perseverance, and gratitude, we once again bear witness to stewardship as a way of life from our faithful.

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/CASE

The Diocesan Ministry Appeal helps provide the funding necessary for the important ministries and programs within our Diocese. Many of the following ministries are solely funded by this appeal:

KNOW GOD: Campus Ministry/Newman Center, Catholic Schools and Tuition Assistance, Evangelization, Safe Environment Training, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry.

LOVE GOD: Continuing Education for Clergy, Diaconate Formation, Pastoral Formation, Seminarian Formation, Training of Catechists.

SERVE GOD: Capuchin Mall Ministry, Catholic Charities, Catholic School Support Grants, Hispanic Ministry, Parish Support Grants, Partners In Housing, Prison Ministry, Respect Life Ministry.

Some of these ministries provide services beyond the scope of individual parishes and some exist for the sole purpose of assisting parishes in their own missions to teach, evangelize and serve. The appeal encourages participation from every Catholic household of our local Church and allows us, as one faith community, to fulfill God's call to discipleship by sharing the Gospel message in word and deed, serving each other with mercy and love.

ANNUAL APPEAL MISSION:

The Diocesan Ministry Appeal (DMA) is an act by the Bishop, in his duties as Shepherd of the Diocese, to promote and to safeguard the unity of faith and the discipline common to the whole Church, to instruct the faithful to love the whole Mystical Body of Christ and to promote activity of the Church, especially so that the faith may increase and the light of full truth appear to all. The Appeal helps fund educational, pastoral, and charitable programs, in so far as it is able, by careful discernment of these apostolates and initiatives.

2024 DMA Theme: " *PRAISE the Lord who HEALS, giving HOPE to ALL.* " Goal: \$2,8,000,000