Dear friends in Christ,

I invite you to join me in supporting the efforts of our annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Your generosity impacts thousands of lives through programs and services that meet others in their need and share with them the love of Christ. This is the mission of the Church!

Throughout our 11-county diocese, many of our 191,000 Catholics annually support ministries that are beyond the ability of any one parish to sustain on its own. In the same way that your parish relies on your support through the weekly collection, the diocese relies on your donations to the CSA to help thousands of individuals each year. Your gift helps support more than 26 critical ministries of the Church. Details about some of them are listed in this brochure.

All gifts given to the CSA are used solely for the purpose of supporting these diocesan ministries and programs.

Please pray and reflect upon the many ways the CSA positively impacts so many lives and how you can best offer your financial support. All gifts are welcome and make a difference, regardless of the amount. Whatever you can give will be gratefully received and carefully put to use.

May God bless you for so richly sharing your gifts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ D.F. Velenich
Most Rev. David J. Velenich
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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Ways to give

Online: GRdiocese.org/CSA

There, you will be given options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit card or a bank account number.

Mail:

Please fill out the pledge card that was included in your CSA mailing, and using the envelope provided, mail it to your parish (please do not mail your pledge card to the Diocese of Grand Rapids).

At your parish:

You may also fill out your pledge card and return it to your parish office or drop it in a collection basket during Mass.

Gift Plans to Consider: (Based on 10-month pledge)

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Pledge payments and contributions may be made over a period of ten months. All contributions are fully tax-deductible in accordance with the law.
What is the Catholic Services Appeal?

Annually, all of our parishes participate in the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) which supports vital ministries, programs and services, impacting the lives of thousands in our 11-county Diocese of Grand Rapids. Through these ministries and services, we respond as a Catholic community to the summons of the beatitudes to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and comfort the sick, as well as to our baptismal call to be missionary disciples, spreading the good news through Catholic school education, catechesis, and faith formation.

Priestly Vocations 12%

The future of the Catholic Church relies on men answering God’s call to this vocation in their lives. The CSA supports the work of the Office of Priestly Vocations as it guides men along the journey to priesthood and provides ongoing formation for the priests of our diocese.

Catholic School Education 8%

More than 6,300 students in 31 Catholic schools are formed in our faith, educated for college and life, and provided with an environment in which they are welcomed and cherished for their unique gifts.

Catholic Charities 8%

Through your contribution, you help Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) meet the needs of our community by feeding the hungry, counseling those who struggle and building strong families in our diocese.

Communication 6%

The Office of Communications aims to support Catholics in our call to be missionary disciples. From the live broadcast of Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on television and Facebook to FAITH Grand Rapids magazine, social media, and the diocesan website, the Communications Office provides resources that bring Christ into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Cultural Ministries 5%

The Catholic community in the Diocese of Grand Rapids is enriched by people of many cultures who come together to form the universal Church. Your gift to the CSA supports our Hispanic, Black Catholic, and Native American ministry offices, which help to meet the sacramental, spiritual, and material needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ through education, programming and outreach.

Catechesis 5%

Catechesis goes beyond intellectual formation. It’s a process that seeks to be transformative in helping one grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. Your CSA contribution helps train and support parish catechists and directors of religious education who lead religious education and formation programs for people of all abilities from children to adults.

Your gift helps support:

- 24 seminarians in formation
- 150 parish youth ministry and catechetical leaders
- 9,392 youth in faith formation (K-12)
- 6,342 students in Catholic schools (PK-12)
- 300+ children receiving loving support through CCWM’s foster care programs
- 29,000+ individuals impacted through CCWM’s social services programs

CSA 2020 GOAL: $6,639,000

**REVENUES**

- 61% CSA
- 13% Bishop’s Catholic Schools Initiative
- 4% Donor-designated Funds
- 4% The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan
- 5% Gain on Investments
- 5% Fees for Services
- 2% Other Revenues

**EXPENDITURES**

- 31% Salaries and Benefits
- 13% Professional Fees, Insurance and Property Costs
- 12% Priestly Vocations and Seminarian Education
- 8% Catholic Schools
- 8% Catholic Charities West Michigan
- 4% Communications Office
- 5% Statewide Attorney General Investigation
- 5% Pastoral Services
- 5% Administrative Services
- 3% National/International Collections
- 2% Other Parish/Diocesan Services
- 2% CSA Campaign Costs

*Includes the 10 years and equipment purchases

Learn more in our annual diocesan report published in the October 2019 edition of FAITH Grand Rapids magazine and available online at GRdiocese.org.

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