



A message from the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

Authentic joy cannot be found in passing comfort, riches, or pleasures. Joy does not come easy. It starts with receiving Christ but remains imperfect until we give ourselves to Him, requiring a strength only the Lord can provide.

Through the sacraments and various diocesan ministries, Christ offers our local church and our broader community the strength to know, love, and serve Him more perfectly. Supporting these opportunities through the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) lets us find joy through our own transformation in Christ and share that joy with others.

I ask you to include financial support for the CSA among the many sacrifices you offer with Christ for His Kingdom. Please, do all you can, knowing that when strengthened in Christ we can respond with joy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Your gift makes a difference

CSA offers many options to give in support of vital ministries, programs and services. Find the option that works best for you.

Give Online

Visit GRdiocese.org/CSA to make a secure pledge with monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit card or a bank account number.

Give by Mail

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).

Give at your Parish

Fill out your pledge card and return it to your parish office or drop it in a collection basket at Mass.

Give a gift of stock, an IRA charitable distribution, or from your Donor Advised Fund

Charitable gifts of stock, bonds, mutual funds, and other assets may provide special tax advantages. Please contact the diocesan Finance Office at 616-475-1253 to arrange this type of gift.

Gift Plans to Consider: Based on a 10-month pledge

Daily	Monthly	Total Gift
\$6.66	\$200	\$2,000
\$5.00	\$150	\$1,500
\$3.33	\$100	\$1,000
\$2.50	\$75	\$750
\$1.66	\$50	\$500
\$1.00	\$30	\$300
50 cents	\$15	\$150

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



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Catholic Services Appeal



DIocese of Grand Rapids



Your Gift in Action:

Seminarian Education and Continuing Formation

Your gift helps to support:
20 seminarians
98 diocesan priests

The future of the Catholic Church relies on men answering God's call to this vocation in their lives.

While the *Our Shepherds – Our Future* campaign helped to defray some of the costs, the full cost of seminarian formation in our diocese exceeds the available distribution from the permanent endowment established by the campaign.

Thus, CSA continues to support the work of offices that guide men along the journey to priesthood and provides ongoing formation for the priests of our diocese.

Catholic Schools

Your gift helps to support:
6,445 students
492 PK-12 teachers
31 schools

Catholic schools in the diocese prioritize fostering a profound relationship with God, which prepares students to seek and fulfill his plan for them. Here, they 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.

Your gift ensures that a Catholic school education is possible for all children. We are excited to open a new child care and school in Newaygo County as we continue to explore ways to make Catholic education more accessible.

Catholic Charities

Your gift helps to support:
389 children receiving loving support through CCWM's foster care and adoption programs
63,800+ meals served through CCWM's food programs

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. CCWM's programs exist not only to feed those who hunger for physical necessities, but also to satisfy their hunger for hope.



Photo: Jaymie Perry

Communication

Your gift helps to support:
The live broadcast of Sunday Mass on TV and online
40,523 copies of *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine mailed out 10x per year

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 Office of Communications provides resources that bring Christ into our homes, workplaces and communities.



Photo: Dr. Eric Bouwens

Cultural Ministries

Your gift helps to support:
Hispanic ministry, Black Catholic ministry, and Native American ministry in our diocese

The Catholic community in the Diocese of Grand Rapids is enriched by people of many cultures who represent the universal Church. In our diocese, approximately a third of our parishioners are Hispanic. Our cultural ministry offices help meet the sacramental, spiritual and material needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ through education, programming and outreach.



Catechesis

Your gift helps to support:
5,834 youth in parish faith formation
123 parish catechetical and youth ministry leaders

Catechesis goes beyond intellectual formation and the walls of a building. It's a lifelong effort to form intentional disciples that have a joyful relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

Your CSA contribution helps train and support parish catechists and directors of religious education who guide families in their faith journey and provide an example of discipleship lived out in love and service.

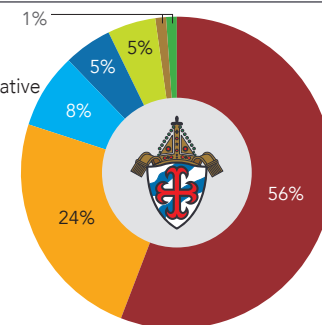
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Through the combined efforts of our 79 parishes, the Catholic Services Appeal helps fund vital programs, services and ministries in the 11-county Diocese of Grand Rapids. The Catholic Services Appeal impacts 175,114 Catholics and thousands more in our communities and beyond. Thank you for your gift to this important work!

CSA 2024 GOAL: \$7,111,000

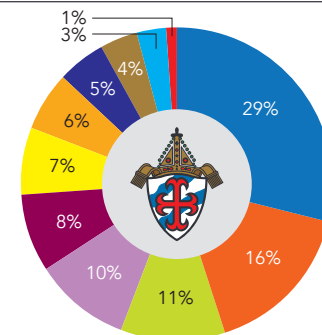
REVENUES

- 56% CSA
- 24% Gain on investments
- 8% Bishop's Catholic Schools Initiative
- 5% Catholic Foundation of West Michigan
- 5% Fees for services
- 1% *Our Shepherds - Our Future*
- 1% Other revenues



EXPENDITURES

- 29% Salaries and benefits
- 16% Contribution to Bishop's Education Endowment
- 11% Priestly vocations and Seminarian education
- 10% Professional fees, insurance and property costs
- 8% Administrative fees
- 7% Catholic Charities West Michigan
- 6% Communications office
- 5% Catholic schools
- 4% Pastoral Services*
- 3% National/international collections
- 1% CSA campaign costs



For the year ended 6/30/2023

* Pastoral Services includes Faith Formation, Hispanic Ministry, Immigration Legal Services, Liturgical Music, Marriage and Family Ministry, Prison and Jail Ministry, Respect Life Ministry, and the Office for Worship.



Learn more in our annual diocesan report published in the October 2023 edition of *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine and available online at GRdiocese.org/CSA.



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