“The ministries of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal are at the heart of the Church’s mission. They provide hope, education and spiritual growth to people throughout our diocese.”

Among the ministries and outreach supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal:

**VOCATIONS/SEMINARIANS**

Discerning a vocation to the priesthood demands time, prayer and significant self-searching. We are blessed in the Diocese of Saint Cloud with good, dedicated priests who nurture us through the Eucharist, teach us through the Word and serve the other spiritual needs of God’s people.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Catholic schools provide an excellent education grounded in Gospel values, community and service to others. They are key to the Church’s evangelizing mission, building up the kingdom of God in our diocese and beyond.
YOUTH AND FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

We honor our loving God by passing on our faith to the next generation, teaching them the power of love, mercy, forgiveness and sacrifice. Strong faith formation programs provide lifelong, meaningful faith experiences that enrich our families, Church and communities.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The family is the foundational element of society. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said: “You have a mission to fulfill, a mission of love, which must begin in your homes, in the place where you are, with the people you are closest to; and only then spread out.” Supporting and nurturing families is an essential ministry of the Church.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Diocesan offices collaborate to sponsor Regional Ministry Gatherings throughout the diocese to assist parish staff and volunteers with parish priorities. More than 700 parish and school staff members attended educational and spiritual self-care workshops at Diocesan Ministry Day 2019. The recently launched Emmaus Institute, co-sponsored by the diocese and St. John’s, is forming lay leaders in English and Spanish to serve the present and future pastoral needs of our parishes, Area Catholic Communities and Catholic schools.

Thank you for discerning a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Your generosity supports ministries at the core of our Church’s mission. These include vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced, and the TV Mass for the homebound.

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