



The 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal funded these important ministries and programs:

Catholic Charities
\$1,098,000
Senior Priest Healthcare
\$728,021
Seminarian Education
\$697,000
Inner-City Area Catholic Education
\$636,000
Nazareth Village Priests' Retirement Residence
\$500,000
Parish Rebates
\$1,297,866

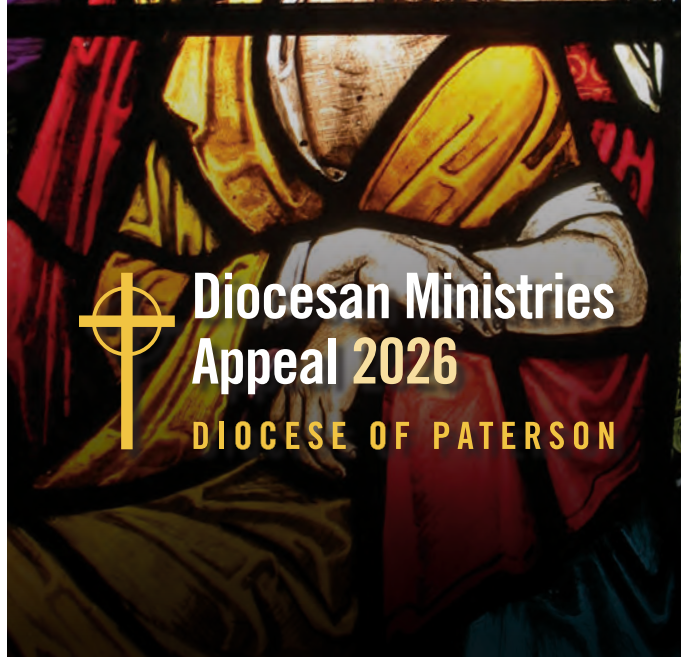
HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- **One-time gifts or pledges** paid over several months with reminders sent for your convenience
- **Credit card contributions**—see information on your pledge card or call **973-777-8818, ext. 263** for details
- **Online gifts**—visit www.2026appeal.org and follow instructions for making a pledge
- **Recurring monthly gifts**—simply visit www.2026appeal.org and choose the Recurring Gift Option that will help people in need now and in the future. You always have the ability to discontinue your recurring gift at any time. For more information, call **973-777-8818, ext. 263**.



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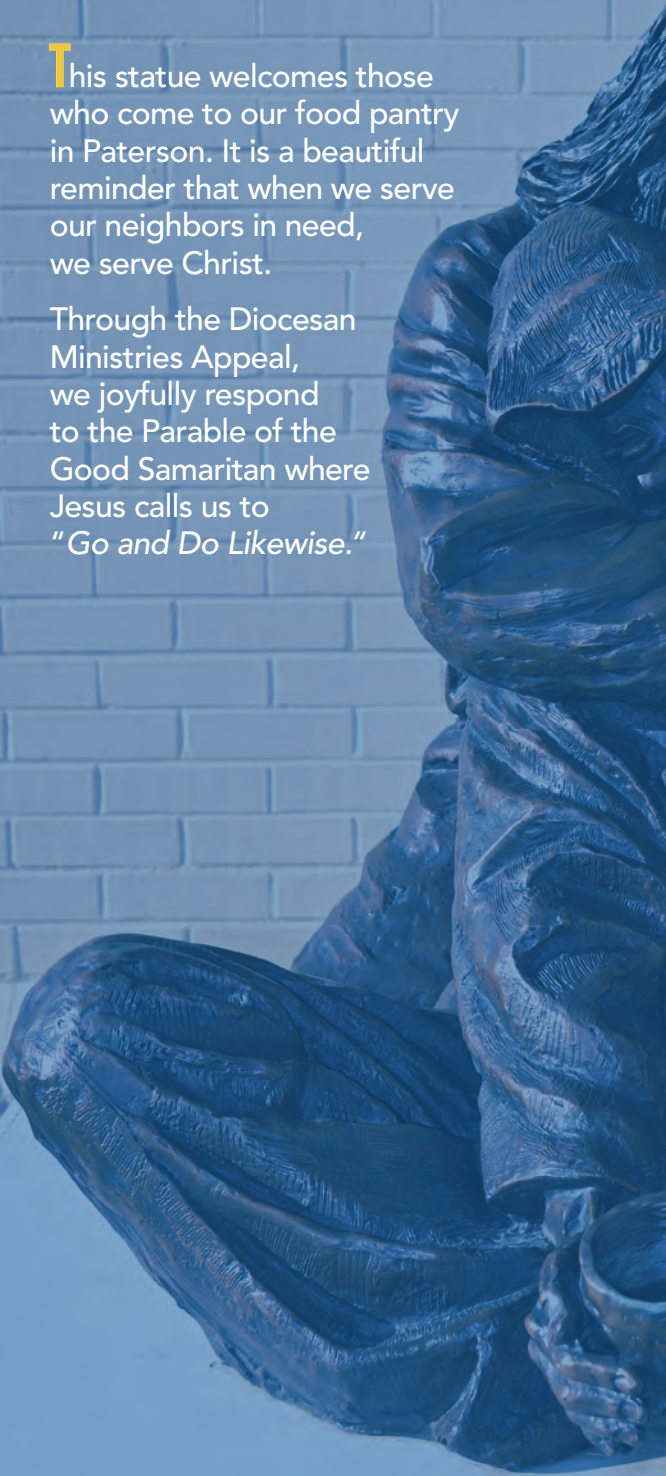
BE A GOOD SAMARITAN



 **Diocesan Ministries
Appeal 2026**
DIOCESE OF PATERSON

This statue welcomes those who come to our food pantry in Paterson. It is a beautiful reminder that when we serve our neighbors in need, we serve Christ.

Through the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, we joyfully respond to the Parable of the Good Samaritan where Jesus calls us to *"Go and Do Likewise."*





"The Parable of the Good Samaritan indicates what the relationship must be toward our suffering neighbor. We are not allowed to pass by on the other side indifferently; we must stop beside him."

—St. John Paul II

Catholic Charities—with help from the Appeal—serves thousands of our neighbors each year. Ministries include outreach to veterans, families in need of food and clothing, assistance to seniors, group homes for adults with disabilities and direct care for those struggling with addiction.

When you give to the Appeal, you stop beside the person in need. You become a good Samaritan.

"Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbor."

—Pope Benedict XVI

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and our clergy provides this spiritual nourishment to the faithful. Therefore, vocations to the priesthood are a priority for our Diocese. Your support of the Appeal funds seminarian education so that those planning on serving the Church for a lifetime can focus solely on their studies and be the best priests possible for you, your children and your grandchildren.

"To serve one's neighbor is to love God through deeds."

—Pope Leo XIV

In the inner city, good academic options are sometimes limited, which makes it difficult for children and their families. The Appeal supports St. Gerard Majella School in Paterson and also the Academy of St. James in Totowa which welcomes students from Paterson. Your kindness provides these students facing economic challenges with a world of limitless opportunities.

"He who loves and serves another freely as a neighbor lives and acts according to the Gospel and takes part in the mission of the Church."

—Pope Benedict XVI

After decades of pastoral care to parishioners, our diocesan priests deserve our support in their retirement. Your gift to the Appeal helps fund Nazareth Village retirement residence in Chester and provides assistance to our senior priests with extraordinary healthcare needs. Your generosity is a beautiful way to acknowledge their lifetime of service to the Church and its parishioners.



In addition to the regular support given to our Catholic Charities ministries, the Appeal this year will fund our At-Risk Youth Program in Paterson and purchase a handicapped accessible van for people with disabilities.