

**“JUST SO, YOUR LIGHT
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YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY
YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.”**

— MATTHEW 5:16

We, as recipients of God’s gifts, gratefully cherish and tend them in a responsible and accountable manner. We share them in mercy, justice, and love with all. We return them with increase to the Lord.

We are being invited to share what we have received with those in need through the ministries and programs that support the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. We gratefully accept the responsibility of caring for this world that God entrusted to us. Jesus said to his disciples, “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:16)

Within acts of faith, hope, and love are acts of mercy. Every effort and every program in the Diocese of Nashville reflects, in some powerful way, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy being extended through God’s grace. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Ministries supports many of these programs and ministries that reflect God’s goodness and mercy toward us.

We must remember that we are invited to give back and share what we receive from our Loving God. In mercy we give as much as we can, as often as we can, with joy from the heart as a faith response, because we are generous, merciful, and want to share our God-given gifts.

Join us in providing resources for the ministries of the Diocese of Nashville. Support the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Ministries.

MERCY, FAITH, LOVE

Ministries in the Diocese of Nashville affect and enhance family life for those in need of assistance in our community. Our ministries provide guidance and show mercy to those in need of the services of Calvary Cemetery, those in prison, those fighting to be able to continue our faith traditions, our seniors in need of housing or assisted-living facilities, families in need of shelter, hot food, clothing, and those in need of a Catholic Summer Camp for their children.

Jesus taught us that we live our faith — and proclaim the Gospel — when we are channels for God’s love, working to transform human suffering and build societies that prioritize human dignity, care for creation, and the common good.

We must nourish our faith, Pope Francis writes, so it can illumine our lives and the world we live in. Faith doesn’t “draw us away from the world or prove irrelevant to the concrete concerns” facing humanity. Instead, it means “building in charity a city based on relationships,” with God’s love as the foundation (*Lumen Fidei*, no. 51).

These ministries have a far-reaching impact on the communities of Middle Tennessee.

THUS SAYS THE LORD:

“SHARING YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY,

Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. nourishes the faithful with physical and spiritual bread through its many programs: providing humanitarian aid to refugees, caring for our elderly through adult daycare, providing community meals for the hungry and food distributions through the basic needs program, and much more.

We also provide spiritual bread through our prison ministry, chaplain ministry, and church ministry programs.

SHELTERING THE OPPRESSED AND THE HOMELESS,

We in the Diocese of Nashville provide assisted living, low-income housing for families and



seniors, and independent housing for families in support of Nashville’s affordable housing initiative. Catholic Charities also has services in support of the initiative that aims to end family homelessness, along with refugee services.

CLOTHING THE NAKED,

Spiritual clothing is provided through nearly every ministry in the diocese. Child abuse prevention and counseling are ways we can clothe those who are naked, or in danger, with safety. Adult formation, campus ministry, lay ministry training and religious education provide, for many, the armor of knowledge of our faith.

There are also opportunities to provide physical clothes to the needy through coat drives, Christmas Wishes program, and outreach programs.



AND NOT TURNING YOUR BACK ON YOUR OWN.”

Youth ministries, CYO, Saint Mary Child Development Center, SEARCH, Camp Marymount, and other ministries strengthen the faith of our youth. These ministries provide opportunities to act in faith by volunteering and becoming involved in our community and Church.

Supporting the grieving, setting free the oppressed, assisting those in need, and caring for our children are all a part of our ministries. Together we can provide for those around us that are in need.

**“THEN YOUR LIGHT SHALL BREAK FORTH LIKE THE DAWN ...”
(ISAIAH 58:7-8)**

As Catholics we believe in the impact of Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We know that in His teaching and healing, both spiritual and physical, Jesus is the perfect embodiment of mercy. “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father.” (Matthew 5:16)



MINISTRIES SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

GENERAL MINISTRIES - \$240,000

1. Assistance Fund
2. Assisted Living (MQA) +
3. Calvary Cemetery
4. Camp Marymount
5. Catholic Newspaper – Tennessee Register +
6. Catholic Public Policy Commission
7. Families – Low Income Housing (DP-MME) +
8. Families – Independent Housing (SHPD) +
9. Prison Ministry
10. Seniors – Low Income Housing (VMM) +

CAMPUS MINISTRIES - \$140,000

11. Austin Peay University
12. Belmont University
13. Fisk University and Meharry Medical College
14. Lipscomb University
15. Middle Tennessee State University
16. Tennessee State University
17. Tennessee Technological University
18. Vanderbilt University

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAMS - \$520,000

19. Adoption Counseling
20. Adoption Support and Preservation Program
21. Adult Day Program / Elder Care
22. Caring Choices
23. Child Abuse Prevention +
24. Family Counseling
25. North Nashville Outreach Program +
26. Pregnancy Counseling
27. Refugee Services +

+ Self-supporting from revenues or third party funds, \$ Amount contributed by diocese for these programs

CHAPLAIN MINISTRY - \$80,000

28. Fort Campbell +
29. St. Thomas Rutherford +
30. St. Thomas Mid-Town +
31. St. Thomas West Hospital
32. Middle Tennessee Area Hospitals
33. Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
34. Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital, Nashville

CHURCH MINISTRY - \$570,000

35. Coptic Catholics
36. Hispanic Catholics +
37. Korean Catholics
38. Parish Assistance
39. Rural Parish Support
40. Vietnamese Catholics

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - \$210,000

41. Adult Formation
42. Catechetical Formation / Catechist Training
43. Engaged Couples Formation
44. Lifelong Catechetics
45. Religious Education
46. Totus Tuus Catechetics Program

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES - \$480,000

47. Catholic School Assistance
48. CYO - Youth Ministry
49. Saint Mary Villa Child Development Center
50. School Children Counseling – Catholic Charities +
51. Schools Athletic Office
52. Scouting Program
53. SEARCH

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES PRAYER

*Gracious and loving God, your Son,
our Lord Jesus,
teaches us that all that we are and all that we
have are gifts from you.
We praise you for your glory
and give you thanks for the blessings
you bestow upon us.
We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to
follow in the ways of Jesus
and to use your gifts wisely,
especially by helping and serving others.*

*Heavenly Father, it is our faith in you
and your absolute love for us that gives us the
comfort to know that you will provide for us.
With your guidance, we will strive
to give of our human, physical, and financial
resources to build your Kingdom
and spread the Gospel message of your Son.
We ask for your blessings on
the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries,
so that united as one body in Christ,
we can do your work on earth,
all in the name of our Lord Jesus.*

Amen.



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