Diocese of Erie **2025** Catholic Services Appeal

One Faith, One Family Three of the many ways your CSA generosity impacts hearts

In Prayer

Prayer is central to our relationship with God. From the innocent prayers of childhood to reflective conversations of adulthood, our lifelong journey of prayer evolves over time, yet remains the foundation of our faith.

In our Catholic Schools, teachers integrate prayer into daily life, helping students embrace it as a natural, comforting practice. From creating prayer altars to coloring a picture of a beloved priest, we are blessed to provide teachers and faith leaders with tools to nurture one faith and one family.

In our diocese, we enrich our faith community at every stage - from welcoming infants in baptism and guiding young minds, to supporting vocations to the priesthood, strengthening commitments in confirmation, preparing couples in Pre-Cana and deepening our spiritual growth with adult formation.

Your generosity to the CSA unites us as One Faith, One Family to support faith formation, emphasizing prayer to form missionary disciples in Christ and pass on the faith to future generations.

In Discipleship

United as one faith and one family, we are called to share Christ's love. The Office of Communications supports the bishop's mission to teach and foster unity across our 13 counties. Through Faith magazine and other platforms, we deepen relationships with Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

Faith magazine connects our diocesan family with inspiring stories of faith, hope and discipleship. Faith magazine is more than a publication. It's a powerful evangelization tool, reaching Catholics and the broader community with the highest standards of information to inspire faith.

Guided by our mission, the Office of Communications creates engaging content, supports parish and school communications, and responds to the bishop's vision, inspiring discipleship with integrity, professionalism and transparency.

Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as One Faith, One Family to continue this vital work. Together, we strengthen our community, share the Good News, and bring more souls to Christ.

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In Service

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (CCCAS) is now reaching more people, providing free mental health and substance abuse counseling to individuals and families across the diocese's 13 counties.

"Telehealth is transformative for our clients," said a CCCAS counselor. "We reach people who wouldn't otherwise get help."

The power of this reach truly unites us as one faith and one family and can be seen in stories like that of one CCCAS client, who found renewed hope in her journey to sobriety.

"Sobriety has put me on another wavelength," she reflected. "I've gone from merely existing to living." For her and many others, CCCAS offers not only counseling but a second chance.

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Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as One Faith, One Family to fund the CCCAS, an agency of Catholic Charities. As demand grows, your support is crucial to help us continue our mission and ensure no one is turned away due to financial constraints.



2025 CSA Goal *TOTAL: \$4,235,000*

20% | Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance

- Guides Catholic mission and identity
- Training and support services to Catholic school teachers, administrators, and boards
- Middle States Accreditation Process
- Assists in responding to school crises
- Needs-based diocesan scholarships

19% | Catholic Charities

- Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Christ the King Manor, Good Samaritan Center, Prince of Peace Center, Saint John XXIII Home, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Center, Saint Martin Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc.
 - Resource for parish social service initiatives, respect life programs, and social justice outreach ministries

16% | Communications

- FAITH Magazine, Diocese of Erie E-News, and Social Media platforms
- Digital Presence on the Diocese of Erie website and parish-specific websites
- Strategic communications for the bishop, clergy, diocesan ministries, and Catholic schools

15% | Faith Formation

- Diocesan-wide milestone wedding anniversary Masses, marriage preparation programs, and Confirmation retreat
- Supports pastors and OCIA coordinators; plans and organizes Rite of Election
- Campus Ministries, Life Teen, and Young Adult programming

12% | Clergy Services

- Retreats, days of recollection, and study days for priests and deacons
- Mass coverage, pastor assignments, and transitioning priests to retirement

6% | Pastoral Services

- Liturgical event coordination, including Confirmation and Chrism Masses and distribution of holy oils to parishes
- Pastoral care in hospitals, prisons, and nursing homes

4% | Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns

• Guidance for annulments and marriage permissions and dispensations by specialized professionals not available in parishes

3% | Diocesan & International Missions

- Annual international missionary visits to parishes throughout the diocese
- Mission of Friendship in Yucatán, México

3% | Women Religious & Catholic Rural Ministry

- Liaison for the bishop to all the religious communities in the diocese
- Resource for parishes and Catholic schools
- Catholic Rural Ministry in Venango, Clarion, Forest, and McKean counties

2% | Protection of Children & Youth

- Responds to and addresses abuse allegations
- Assists parishes, schools, and agencies to maintain safe environments

Please give through your parish. Thank you!

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