The House of Charity provides the day-to-day operational income that supports the pastoral, charitable and social ministries of the Diocese, including: Catholic Charities, support for seminarian education and housing for retired priests, support for Vitality Catholic Healthcare Services, support for Catholic education, as well as support for our various pastoral ministries.

The House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports people to people ministries that serve the South Jersey Community today. In service, we encounter those in need where they are, accompany them on their journey and bring them to a place of hope.

Monies that are raised in this fiscal year are expended next fiscal year. Without the House of Charity, the Diocese could not fulfill the mission that Christ gave us to care for His people.

Of the funds raised through the Catholic Strong campaign, 70% will remain at the parish. There is no single case statement because each parish has been asked to identify their unique needs and way they will put their dollars to use. These needs could include updates to physical plant needs, new or expanded youth and pastoral ministries, and the hiring of staff to expand the effectiveness of parishes. Whatever the individual case, each parish has had the opportunity to identify their own needs and how they would like to spend the dollars raised to meet those needs.

At the same time, 30% of the dollars raised will be returned to the Diocese for use in creating new religious education, addiction support, and other ministries that cannot be supported by current funding sources. In addition, new evangelization efforts will be established to reach out to non-Catholics, people living on the fringes of our society, and to those who have left the faith.