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Saint Teresa of Avila wrote that "Christ has no body here on earth, but ours." YOU become the face of Jesus, the face of hope, when you share your blessings, especially through the *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal* for:



The **20 ACTIVE MEMBERS** of the Catholic Millennial Ministry, who received their First Communion and Confirmation this past year.

The **123 ACTIVE STUDENTS** in the Spanish Lay Ministry Formation Program in six locations around the Diocese.

The **25-30 STUDENTS** attending Catholic Campus Ministry meetings at Rowan University since returning back to school.

The **12 MEN** who were recently ordained to the Diaconate on October 24, 2020.

The **11,817 INDIVIDUALS** who received housing and utility assistance through Catholic Charities.

The **MANY PARTICIPANTS** at St John of God Community Services, including those in the Adult Lifestyle Planning Services Program.

The **14 SEMINARIANS** going through the formation process in the Diocese of Camden.

The **17,143 INDIVIDUALS** served by Catholic Charities.

The **129,000** patients visited through Hospital Chaplaincy.

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Saint Paul said "even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance; and endurance, proven character; and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5).

The ability of the Church to accomplish the Lord's work depends on the support received from the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.

This year's campaign is titled "Faces of Hope." Hope is what the Church has brought to the people of South Jersey since the Diocese was formed more than 80 years ago. Hope is what we bring today, and hope is made real when we see the face of Jesus in our sisters and brothers and serve Him by meeting their needs.

I ask you to take a moment to look at the many ways that your generosity brings hope through the work of the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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How DOES THE HOUSE OF CHARITY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



People need to understand that their donations to the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal support programs which aim to evangelize youth and young adults within our community and prepare them for leadership roles in the church. Your support is an investment in their future." – Estrellita Martinez, Catholic Millennial Ministry

"The diaconate uses the resources of the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal to preach the good news, to bring services to the poor and to help those in need...Having a son with special needs, I see the support of the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal to the St. John of God program which has been invaluable. There is a beauty, love, and caring for a population that isn't always taken care of by society. The Catholic Church has always been strong in building up the faith of those with special needs. It shows them that they have as much a right as any one of us to the sacraments and to being a member of our Church." – David Harkins, Newly Ordained Deacon



"If it were not for the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal, hospital chaplaincy would not be possible. We are 100% supported by the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal. To give you a glimpse of the impact of our work: last year chaplains had 129,000 encounters with the patients and 14,000 visits with hospital staff and patient families." – Father Sanjai Devis, Director of Hospital Chaplaincy and Stephen Ministries

"I see the impact of Hispanic Ministries within the Diocese and what a difference it makes. The House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to meet the corporal and spiritual needs of Latinos – assisting with immigration services, providing resources in Spanish. It makes a huge impact when you know that there is someone advocating for you in the diocese." – Mariannie Zayas, Hispanic Ministries



Where DO YOU SEE HOPE?

"I see hope in the faces of my ESL (English as a Second Language) students. Learning a new language is an act of hope, hope in a better future. This program would not be possible without the support of those who contribute to the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal." – Vincent Mancuso, Coordinator of the English Learning Center at Catholic Charities



"To see faces of hope you just need to look around you, especially now." – Kathy Walters, House of Charity Volunteer at St. Joseph, Sea Isle

"What really showed the faithfulness in our Church is the people who were supposed to stay away from attending Mass, the elderly. They were the ones who could not wait to come back! That shows to you that they are warriors, troopers. They are not afraid. That's a lesson for our children's children." – Father Rene Canales, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish



"When you look at the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal, you see all the people who are being helped and the love we are able to share. It is inspiring to me to see the generosity in people's hearts. I think that the faces of hope are all around us." – Rebekah Hardy, Campus Minister at Rowan University

