

# LIVING THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

"Catholic Charities was a light in my darkest moment. Their kindness reminded me that even when life changes unexpectedly, faith and compassion can help you rise again. Because of Catholic Charities, I now encourage others to seek their help and know they are not alone."

**Tracy Lynn Williams, Former Catholic Charities Client**

"This 3-year Faith Formation program, the 'IMEC,' or Instituto de Ministerio Eclesial de Camden, is a part of the Diocesan Hispanic Ministries Programs. This program truly transformed my faith and communion with God. I learned the Bible and about the Church, and it made my faith stronger."

**Rosa Zabala, Graduate of IMEC Program**

"Vocations are important because people need Jesus. We need priests, it's as simple as that. Promote vocations and pray for more!"

**Fr. Tim Mulranen, Parochial Vicar St. Joseph's Parish, Somers Point**

"Being in a Catholic School means that my faith is a part of my daily life. It's always around me. It really helps me with the choices I make because of the values my faith has taught me, which are to do the right thing, and to think about how my actions reflect my values."

**Nicolas Ablaza, Paul VI High School Sophomore**

"We are so grateful for the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal, which enables chaplains to be present in all hospitals in the Diocese."

**Tony Poekert, Associate Chaplain for VITALity**

"Serving others in Camden and making new friends who shared the same faith truly changed me. Ending the week at the Wedding of the Sea in Atlantic City made me realize God works through the people He places in our lives."

**Carmen, Catholic School Student (14 years old)  
Summer in the City Participant**

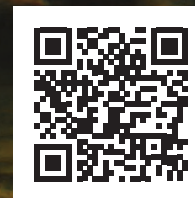


## BECOME A MISSIONARY OF MERCY

by giving to the SJCMA and assisting  
your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your generous contribution supports our 62 Diocesan parishes and 28 schools, alongside various ministries, pastoral care initiatives, social services, hospital chaplaincy, and faith formation programs. The SJCMA delivers a comforting embrace of Catholic support to your local community and the entire Diocese, from Camden to Cape May, addressing critical needs to assist everyone within our united faith and family.

Thank you for your support!



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the very beginning, the Church has been called to be the living presence of Christ's love in the world, especially to those who are most in need. In the Diocese of Camden, that mission is made real every day because of your generosity to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gift is more than financial support; it is an act of faith. Through your generosity, children are educated in our Catholic schools, families receive food and shelter in moments of crisis, the sick and elderly are accompanied with dignity, and men preparing for the priesthood are formed to serve God's people.

These ministries exist because you choose to respond to Christ's call to love one another. Yet many of our brothers and sisters continue to face profound challenges: spiritual and material. The needs before us remain great. In this year's appeal, Missionaries of Mercy, I invite you to renew your commitment to charity, which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. When we give, we become instruments of God's mercy, walking alongside those who are struggling and reminding them that they are never forgotten.

**Together, as a diocesan family, your generosity helps transform lives, strengthen faith, and bring hope to those who need it most.**

**Thank you for being a witness to Christ's love in South Jersey.**

**MOST REVEREND JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS  
BISHOP OF CAMDEN**



## SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL HELPS SUPPORT:



### SOCIAL COMMUNITY AND SERVICE:

- Basic Needs: food, rental, utility assistance, veterans services, prison ministry visits, and addiction services provided through *Catholic Charities* in all six counties of our diocese.
- Healthcare services, such as the Hospital Chaplaincy program, addressing the mind, body, and spirit of the sick, elderly, and disabled, through *VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services*.
- Catholic Star Herald newspaper.



### FAITH FORMATION:

- Hispanic Ministry and the Office of Black Catholic Ministry.
- Ongoing formation of the laity and adult faith education programs.
- Diocesan evangelization and outreach initiatives.
- ManUp South Jersey/men's spirituality conferences.



### VOCATIONS:

- Tuition and support for seminarians, ensuring the future of the priesthood.
- Vocational discernment programs for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.
- Care for the elderly and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to service.

## YOU ARE A MISSIONARY OF MERCY

### YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES:

- Faith community-based ministries for adolescents and young adults, encouraging a lifelong journey of faith.
- Support for campus ministries at Stockton, Rutgers Camden, and Rowan University.
- Programming designed to nurture the spiritual growth of young people in our community.
- *Summer in the City* Program for Teens.



### CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

- Operational and programmatic support for South Jersey Catholic Schools, fostering academic excellence and faith formation.
- Tuition assistance programs that make Catholic education accessible to families.
- Specialized support for students with special needs in select South Jersey Catholic schools.

