

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL:
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II



2022 
ANNUAL REPORT

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so pleased to share with you our first report for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

In the first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes, “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. . . . If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” Further, we find in *Lumen Gentium*, “By communicating His Spirit, Christ made His brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of His own Body.”

We believe that each person, made in the likeness of God, has a purpose and to use that purpose, together with others, in pursuit of the common good. As members of the Church, we are called to be a family who loves and cares for others, even those outside of our communities. This year, I called on you to participate in an endeavor that will benefit the future of our Church in New Hampshire and your prayers, gifts, and engagement truly demonstrated that unity of the Mystical Body.

Because of you, the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* raised over \$1.4 million dollars for our shared ministries and your parishes. In these pages, you will see our Church at-a-glance, our priorities to strengthen our faith, and specifically the dollars allocated towards these essential ministries and priorities.

I see a vibrant, thriving Church throughout New Hampshire that is growing. Our diocese continues to inspire me and provide hope even in challenging times. As your shepherd, I look forward to continuing to build up our Body and work together as one Church.

Be assured of my prayers for you. Through the intercession of our patron Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly as you have blessed us and each other.

Sincerely in Christ,

MOST REVEREND PETER A. LIBASCI, D.D.
BISHOP OF MANCHESTER



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

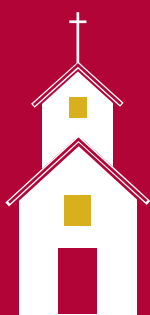
OUR MISSION

To bring a New Hope and the Good News of Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith to all in New Hampshire.

We have established five strategic priorities designed to help deliver our mission over the coming years.

Building Strong Catholic Formation

Develop strong and consistent Catholic lifelong formation in our parishes, schools, and homeschools.



Establishing a Stable Financial Foundation

Consistent with our Bishop's key priorities, it is critical that we have sufficient financial resources for our parishes and schools to carry out the mission of the Church in New Hampshire.



Fortifying the Priesthood

Strengthen and encourage our presbyterate in their priestly ministry by providing support for their continuing formation and nurturing a spirit of vocations within our diocese. Priests are vitally important to the mission and future of our diocese and it is critical that we respond as a joyful and generous Church.



Developing Strong Leaders

Great parishes, and schools have great leaders! This priority focuses on developing these strong leaders across the diocese.

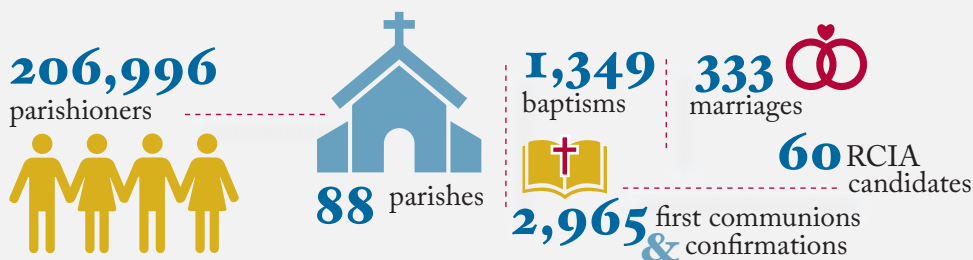


Renewing & Reinvigorating Catholic schools

Catholic schools are vital to the evangelizing mission of the Church. We are committed to sustaining growth, improving value and viability, and affirming our Catholic identity so we may continue educating young people in the light of Christ, so that they will thrive as upright, virtuous, and engaged citizens.



WHO IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



CLERGY & RELIGIOUS



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN 2022

24 diocesan, private, and parish schools



5,685 TOTAL STUDENTS – the highest enrollment in more than 12 years with three years of consistent enrollment growth



PARABLE MAGAZINE

14TH year in publication

Catholic Media Association's Diocesan **2021 MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR**

6 CMA awards in 2022 ♦♦♦♦♦♦

**data is from 2021
unless otherwise noted*

MINISTRIES SERVED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Grounded in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities New Hampshire responds to those in need with programs that heal, comfort and empower. For more than 75 years, we have brought lasting change to individuals and families struggling with a wide range of issues that impact communities across New Hampshire, such as hunger, poverty, financial despair, mental health, homelessness, unsafe environments for children and isolation among seniors.

Catholic Charities NH was able to provide the following in 2022 with funding from the NHCA, generous donations, and other charitable sources:

- + 2,518 individuals and families, who came to us struggling to get by on a daily basis, are now working towards sustainable solutions that allow them to become self-sufficient and successfully navigate future life challenges
- + 518 homebound and disabled seniors able to remain living independently in their own homes and retain access to essentials and medical needs through the CareGivers program
- + 229 struggling & homeless veterans worked with us to get back on their feet and receive essential needs through Liberty House
- + 32 single mothers and children are escaping life on the streets, gaining permanent housing and building self-sufficient futures through New Generation



**As of 2023, there will no longer be a separate appeal/special collection at parishes for Catholic Charities NH as the Catholic Charities special collection is now part of the NHCA. CCNH will still fundraise throughout the year as it always has via direct mail, online campaigns, special events, etc.*

RETIRED PRIESTS

The Diocese of Manchester provides care for our retired priests who have given many years of service to the Lord and our communities in New Hampshire. Many of our retired priests are still actively involved in our parishes. The NHCA pays for benefits such as health and dental insurance, housing and monthly stipends.



Reverend Gerard J. Dion



"I found I really enjoyed service and ministry work. I focused my attention there, and that passion led me to make the decision to apply for seminary."

-Andre Nadeau

St. Meinrad Seminary (2nd Year, Theology)

SEMINARIANS & VOCATIONS

To fully live our Catholic faith, we need priests to offer the sacraments and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In 2022, the Diocese ordained three new priests and currently the Diocese has 12 men in seminary. Each year, the Diocese of Manchester spends about \$500,000 on tuition and room and board for our seminarians and their education is essential to their formation. This year, the NHCA served to alleviate some of these education costs. Additionally, the NHCA will support the permanent diaconate; seven new deacons were ordained in 2022.

PARISH SUPPORT

Through the NHCA, parishes who are experiencing financial difficulties can receive aid to help meet basic necessities such as maintenance, electricity and heating. These are essential services that make the ministry of parish life accessible across New Hampshire. In addition, those parishes who reach their NHCA goal, will receive a rebate for every dollar raised above their goal. Over \$54,000 was distributed back to parishes as rebates in 2022 from the NHCA.



Divine Mercy, Peterborough

MISSIONARY SUPPORT ABROAD, SUPPORT FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES IN N.H., MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

The NHCA supported The Good Samaritan Home in Cartago, Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin a New Hampshire native of Henniker. This home serves the elderly in a region where their care is often neglected. Also, a portion of the funds supported diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire in addition to supporting diocesan multicultural ministry.



*Bishop Libasci at Vietnamese Martyrs
Mass, St. Christopher, Nashua*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This year, the NHCA provided necessary support to the system of Catholic schools so the mission of affordability, accessibility, and availability will advance. In 2022, enrollment in New Hampshire

Catholic schools increased for a third straight year with growth now at its highest levels in more than twelve years. The NHCA assists in funding important school infrastructure improvements and projects such as facility expansion, renovation, and revitalization. Funds will also be used in the areas of curriculum enhancements, financial assistance, leadership investment, and improved compensation and benefits for faculty.



Sacred Heart School, Hampton

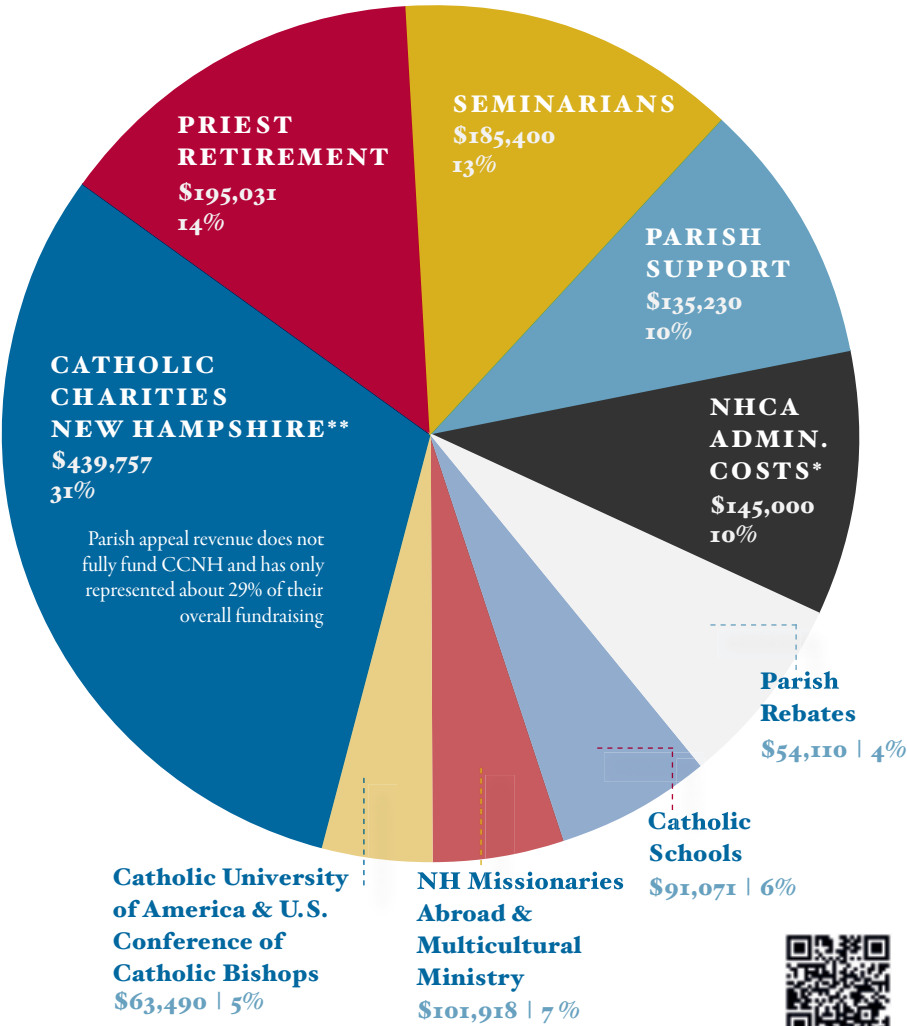


PARABLE MAGAZINE

Parable continues to be a key in home evangelization tool for Catholics in New Hampshire. Parable was honored with six awards by 2022 Catholic Media Association of the United States and Canada. In the summer of 2023, Parable will be made available to all parishioners at no cost to their parishes.

2022 NHCA DISTRIBUTIONS

Because of your generous support, the NHCA raised \$1,411,007 which enabled the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired priests, seminarians, our community and so much more. During this pilot year, 41 of the 88 New Hampshire parishes participated in the NHCA in which 20% of the parishes reached their goal. In 2023, all parishes will participate in the NHCA.



To donate to the NHCA, please use this QR code or go to catholicnh.org/nhca

*2022 Administrative costs included 1st year NHCA setup costs and fixed costs. The intent of the Diocese is to keep these costs as low as possible, and estimates indicate this percentage will decrease in future years.

**CCNH also received income from the 47 parishes that conducted only the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal. In total, CCNH received approximately \$1.04 million in parish appeal revenue, similar to what their parish appeal raised in years prior. NOTE: Parish appeal revenue does not fully fund CCNH and has only represented about 29% of their overall fundraising. For that reason, CCNH will still continue to conduct other methods of fundraising as in years prior. However, the NHCA will aim to fully cover what CCNH has traditionally raised from their in-pew appeal (\$1.2 million) in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the following 2022 parishes who reached their NHCA goal!

DIVINE MERCY

Peterborough, Reverend Michael S. Taylor

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Merrimack, Reverend Monsignor Paul L. Bouchard

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Hampton, Reverend Gary J. Kosmowski

SACRED HEART

Manchester, Reverend A. Stephen Marcoux, III

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Manchester, Reverend Christopher M. Martel

SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Nashua, Reverend David A. Harris

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Somersworth, Reverend Andrew K. Nelson

SAINT PETER

Auburn, Reverend Michael E. Gendron

SAINT THERESA

Rye Beach, Reverend Gary J. Kosmowski

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