“The ministries supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal advance the Church’s mission by providing essential education, pastoral care and support for the people of our diocese. Your generosity makes this work possible.”

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**YOUTH AND FAITH FORMATION**

We honor God by passing on our faith to the next generations, teaching them the power of love, mercy, forgiveness and sacrifice. Strong faith formation programs provide lifelong, meaningful experiences that enrich our families, Church and communities.

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Discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life requires time, prayer and significant self-searching. We are blessed in the Diocese of Saint Cloud with good, dedicated priests who nurture us through the Eucharist, teach us through the Word and serve the other spiritual needs of God’s people. Our deacons faithfully teach, preach and serve our parishes and Area Catholic Communities. We are blessed in this diocese with religious communities that serve the spiritual needs of God’s people in a variety of ways.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic schools provide an excellent education grounded in Gospel values, community and service to others. They are key to the Church’s evangelizing mission, building up the kingdom of God in our local communities and beyond.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Healthy families are essential for advancing the Church’s mission. A strong “domestic Church” nurtures loving relationships, prayer, holiness and service to others. The diocese offers retreats for engaged couples, an annual men’s conference, a women’s conference, respect-for-life education and other family enrichment programs.

EVANGELIZATION

The weekly diocesan TV Mass keeps homebound parishioners connected to their faith. The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine and weekly e-newsletter inform us about the life of the Church and inspire us to live our faith more deeply. The diocese’s social media channels bring the Good News to new audiences. All these ministries equip us to be more effective missionary disciples in our communities.

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