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# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEWSLETTER

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts



Please accept my most sincere thanks for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your commitment provides the foundation for our Diocese to be not only strong in faith, but also rich in service. Countless lives within our vibrant faith community are touched by your commitment.

I see every day your love and generosity expressed through ministries that you have supported through your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Because of that support we are able to provide critical funding that enables our Church to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is another way for us to belong more deeply to the Lord, to the Church and to one another as we Live and Share our Faith, Care for God's People, and Build the Kingdom of God.

It is only because of your generous support that we are able to serve the People of God in so many important ways. Thank you for all you do in support of our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Joseph".

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## BECAUSE OF YOU...

**The Catholic Ministries Appeal is able to help more than 10,000 young people participate in Youth Ministry programs across Long Island.**

Youth Ministry programs at our Parishes empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ through their involvement in service, ministry, and leadership opportunities.



Matthew says that he comes to Youth Group to stay grounded. *"My first interest in youth group came from my parents; they strongly encouraged me to come. I wasn't always the kid to do that, but once I came, it changed my life. I was able to connect with God in ways that I couldn't before."* As a Team Leader, he hopes that he can tell people how he connects with God so that they may be able to find ways to connect with Him too.

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Madelyn agrees. "I can start helping the younger kids to grow and strengthen their faith." She credits the youth group with building a better foundation and strengthening her faith.

Many youth programs are helped through support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. By supporting the Appeal, you are helping youth leaders across the diocese to shepherd God's children to Him.



The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables us to belong more deeply as we join together to help build the Kingdom of God by supporting our efforts to bring the Word of God to our neighbors, to our young people, and to those who are new to our community.



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## **The Winner of our 2011 Essay Contest is Charles Peck, a student at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School.**

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us "whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Through stewardship, we use our time and talents to help others through prayer, volunteer work, and financial support. At Mass at my parish, St. Patrick in Smithtown, we sing "We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have, we are given to share." The Catholic Ministries Appeal acts as a Good Samaritan and helps people of all different ages and backgrounds, serving over 600,000 people in communities, schools and parishes throughout Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal does God's work on earth by feeding the hungry through soup kitchens and parish outreach programs. They care for the homeless and the sick, participate in mission work and support Catholic Charities chemical dependency programs. They provide housing for seniors and the developmentally disabled. High school students, including those at my school, St. John the Baptist, grow in their faith by participating in community programs such as helping developmentally disabled adults.

Faith formation and preparation for the sacraments are an important part of Catholic Ministries Appeal. Volunteers share their faith by serving as religious education teachers. Pre-Cana and baptismal classes are provided. People who go through the RCIA program at our parish are joyfully welcomed into the community. Campus Ministry helps college students connect with others who share their Catholic values. The CMA supports priests and deacons with their education at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Murphy calls us to be God's instruments of mercy and love. Each parish can only do so much, but can accomplish much more when they pool their resources together. This is the Catholic Ministries Appeal – teamwork at its best.

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## ANNOUNCING THE “2012 VOICE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE” CONTEST

*How do you see the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) at work in your community, your school, your Parish?*

### We want to hear from you!

Send your essay and our judging panel will select a winning essay from all entries.

- The winning essay will be printed in the CMA Newsletter, The Long Island Catholic and posted on our Web Site.
- You and your family will also be invited to a special CMA “thank you” event at the end of the year, where you will be given the opportunity to read your essay aloud. (Winner must be present at event)

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you can visit our Web Site at [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org)



### CONTEST RULES:

Essay entries should be no longer than 1,000 words.

Contest is open to all youth ages 12-17.

All entries must be received by October 31, 2012.

Essays can be submitted via email to: [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org) or mail to:

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## ASK THE EXPERT

### LIFE PLANNING & YOUR PARISH

**Q. Corinne from Lake Grove asks:**  
“What are some ways I can include The Catholic Church of Long Island in my long-term plans?”

**A.** Thank you for your question.

There are several methods for remembering your parish — or any Church ministry including the Catholic Ministries Appeal — in your life plans.

The simplest is a bequest in your will. A bequest for your parish is a perfect way to leave your legacy in the faith community you love. You demonstrate a commitment to the long-term vitality and financial well-being of your parish and we call a bequest your

Legacy of Faith. Alongside your bequests for loved ones, would be a provision for your parish.

If you’d benefit from additional income for the rest of your life, a Charitable Gift Annuity may suit you. Your gift annuity will make fixed payments to you for your lifetime and it can benefit your spouse as well. Ultimately, there’s a gift to your parish. You’ll earn a charitable income tax deduction right away, and can avoid some capital gain tax if you use appreciated stock. Part of your payments will likely be tax free.

For more information about any of our life planning methods or to receive a brochure, please speak to Barbara Kilarjian, Director of Development, at 516-379-5210 x229 or [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).

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