

2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Serving God by Serving Others

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To: Pastors, Parish Administrators, CMA Chairs
From: CMA Office
Date: January 12, 2015

***Thank You for all your efforts on the
2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal!***

Gift Report 2014	
\$10,639,354	Raised to Date
81	Parishes are over goal
46,550	Gifts have been received
\$228.56	Average Gift

CMA Materials

You should have already received your materials for the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **If you did not receive your materials, please let us know by calling 516-379-5210 ext. 229.**

The 1st Bishop's Mailing

The first Bishop's letter will be mailed January 21st. Attached to this email, please find a copy of the letter for you to use in your bulletin.

Video and Speaker Weekends

Now is the time to reserve a speaker or plan a video weekend. To reserve a speaker or to get help with scheduling a video weekend, please call your CMA team contact. Please reserve early so that we may accommodate everyone's requests.

Video Link

Please consider adding the CMA video to your own Parish Web Site. The link for the video is CMA 2015 – <http://youtu.be/eC6wsyj0jjc>

We all look forward to working with you on making the

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What blessings you bring to our Church when you share your Catholic faith as you ***Serve God by Serving Others***. Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal touches so many of our neighbors in need, and we are so grateful for your important participation.

As we begin the 2015 Appeal, I am reminded of Pope Francis' call that "*amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.*" When we come together to help support these critical ministries, that is what we are doing – we are dispelling that darkness and bringing hope and love to more than 600,000 people every year.

You are helping to feed the hungry, provide clothes and emergency support to the needy, strengthen parishes throughout our Diocese, help form our future priests and deacons and provide funding for Catholic Charities' outstanding programs and services. You are also helping to ensure that our ministries bring Christ's light to hundreds of thousands of people in hospitals, colleges and even our jails.

We hope that you will once again join with me, your Pastor and many of your neighbors by making a gift to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal, and if possible increasing your already generous gift in an effort to help spread the "light of hope" to even more people in need.

With prayers and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre