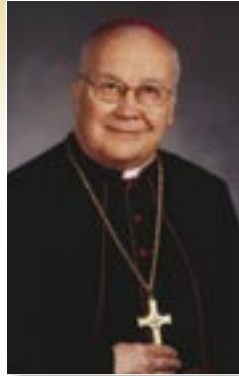


LETTER FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Anniversaries offer an opportunity for reflection from a unique vantage point – a place from which we can look back on how far we’ve come and, at the same time, get a glimpse of the road ahead.

On November 19th of this year, the Diocese of Metuchen will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its establishment by His Holiness John Paul II in 1981. Compared to most dioceses around the country, we are relatively young. Yet, with 30 years behind us, we can boast numerous milestones and accomplishments.

However, with so much work to do, we do not have the luxury of being indifferent; rather, we must continue on our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ with renewed passion and vigor. Together we are called to assist the poor with food, shelter, and clothing; provide for the future of the Church with seminarian education; offer guidance to our youth; and bring Christ’s saving message to all people. By supporting the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you help to accomplish all of this, and more, through the many and varied diocesan ministries that are sustained by your generosity.

I thank you for your faithful response to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in the past and invite you to prayerfully consider joining me in making a sacrificial gift again this year. By combining our financial resources, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our diocesan Church will flourish for generations to come.

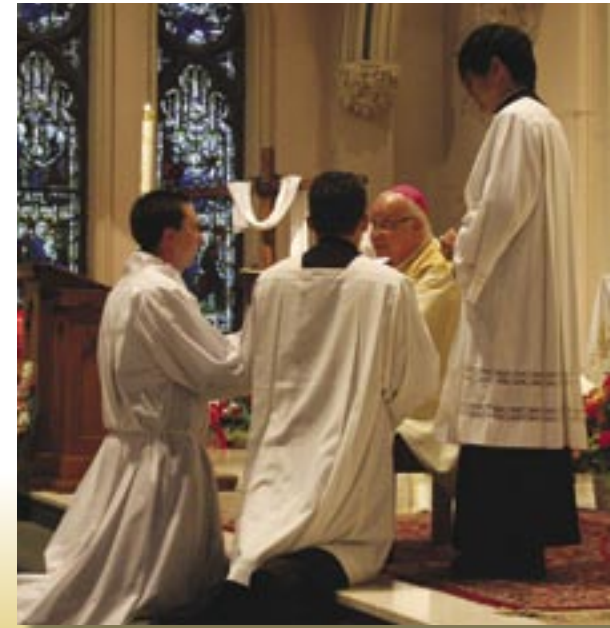
With heartfelt gratitude, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Paul G. Bootkoski
Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop of Metuchen

The Catholic Church teaches that the primary vocation of every person is a vocation to holiness. Whether we are called to the priesthood or religious life, or to a life of marriage and family, our vocations are discerned and lived out within our community of faith.

Your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal sustains a wide array of Diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church, as well as, support family life.



IN FAITH

On May 21, Dawid Wejnerowski, James DeFillipps, and Jason Pavich were ordained to the transitional diaconate. They will be ordained to the priesthood next spring.



“Now you are not only hearers of the Gospel, but also its ministers.”

– Bishop Paul Bootkoski
May 21, 2011 Transitional
Diaconate Ordination

“This is such a unique time to be part of Holy Mother Church, especially to be part of the clergy. We now live in a world where technology has allowed us to become a global community. In addition, the world of science has opened new discoveries of the beauty of God’s creation. However, it is also a time where violence and other assaults against the truths of the faith have presented new challenges. Truly, what an exciting time it is to be called to proclaim the love of God in the world and to bring this message to others.”

– Rev. Mr. Jason Pavich,
transitional deacon

WITH HOPE

“As a pastor, I find the Emergency Assistance Program to be a useful tool in helping people in a crisis.”

– Father John Barbella, pastor
St. Philip & St. James Church,
Phillipsburg

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we pray that we may always reflect His love in our encounter with others by bringing comfort to the afflicted, justice to the poor and hope to those in despair.

When an emergency strikes, being caught in a tangle of red tape can be an unbearable obstacle to help and relief. The Emergency Assistance Program was specifically created so that individuals and families finding themselves in a sudden crisis can get assistance immediately. With a referral from a pastor, the Office of Parish Social Ministry distributes one-time only grants for basic needs, such as rent, utility assistance and groceries.

The Emergency Assistance Program is just one part of the vast network of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen providing quality services to the poor, vulnerable and all people in need, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps sustain these programs and offers hope to those in need.

“I don’t think people realize the tremendous impact even a small gift makes for the many families helped through the Emergency Assistance Program.”

– Maria Hunter, director
Office of Parish Social Ministry
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen





ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

*Gracious and Loving God,
You are the Lord of the past, present and future.
In this 30th Anniversary year of the Diocese of Metuchen,
open our hearts so that we may discern your will.*

*Renew our lives
that we may always reflect your love
in our encounter with others
by bringing comfort to the afflicted,
justice to the poor
and hope to those in despair.*

*May we be attentive to the needs of all our sisters and brothers
and the camaraderie we share.*

*And by the strength of your Spirit,
may we be inspired to be
grateful, responsible and generous stewards
joyfully continuing our mission,
in faith,
and with enduring hope.*

We ask this in your holy name.

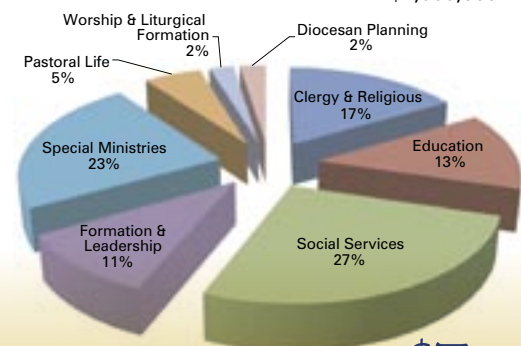
Amen.



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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

ALLOCATION OF APPEAL FUNDS	by Department	% of Total
Special Ministries	\$1,623,208	23.19%
Office of the Bishop		
Office of the Vicar General		
Office of the Chancellor		
Office of Child and Youth Protection		
Office of Communications & Public Relations		
The Catholic Spirit		
Office of Stewardship		
Office of Internal Audit		
The Tribunal		
Department of Worship & Liturgical Formation	\$159,902	2.28%
Department of Social Services	\$1,855,000	26.50%
Catholic Charities		
Department of Education	\$925,008	13.21%
Office of Schools		
Catholic Scouting Apostolate		
Campus Ministry Apostolate-Rutgers University		
Department of Clergy & Religious Personnel	\$1,153,837	16.48%
Office of the Diaconate		
Office for Religious		
Office of Ministry to Priests		
Office of Vocations		
Office of Hospital Chaplaincy		
The Maria Regina Residence		
Priests Advanced Studies		
St John Vianney House of Discernment		
Office of Prison Ministry		
Bethany Ridge Spirituality Center		
Department of Pastoral Life	\$377,093	5.39%
Office of Family Life Ministry		
Office for Multi-Cultural Ministry		
Office of Respect for Life		
Office for Hispanic Ministry		
Department of Formation & Leadership	\$734,430	10.49%
Office of RCIA		
Office of Evangelization		
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry		
Office for Catechesis		
Office of Parish Leadership Formation		
Department of Diocesan Planning	\$171,522	2.45%
TOTAL	\$7,000,000	100.00%



2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL **\$7 MILLION**

LEADERSHIP GIVING

You are invited to join the community of benefactors who provide the leadership that inspires others to support the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen. Members contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal at the following leadership levels:

- **Circle of Stewards** (\$50,000 and above)
- **Cathedra Circle** (\$25,000 - \$49,999)
- **Mitre Circle** (\$10,000 - \$24,999)
- **Shepherd's Society** (\$5,000 - \$9,999)
- **Bishop's Guild** (\$2,500 - \$4,999)
- **Disciples' Society** (\$1,000 - \$2,499)
- **Fidélis Society** (\$500 - \$999 for 5 consecutive years)



WAYS TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Pledging: Prayerfully consider participating at a sacrificial gift level spread over four payments. You will receive reminder statements: November 2011, January 2012, February 2012 and March 2012.

Checks: Write your check* for the complete gift amount or the first pledge payment to:

Diocese of Metuchen - Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Please Note: If you are taking advantage of your company's Matching Gift program, be sure to make your check payable to the qualified entity to which your company will match.

Matching Gifts: Many companies have Matching Gift Programs for charity or educational purposes. Ask your employer's Human Resource Office for a matching gift application and send it to the Diocese of Metuchen along with your pledge card and check made payable to the qualified entity. For more information, please see the accompanying brochure or call the Department of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2429.

On-Line Giving: Visit our secure website at www.diometuchen.org

Gifts of Appreciated Stocks or Securities: Federal tax law allows a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of your gift. Please contact the Department of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2429 for information on making a gift of appreciated stock or securities.



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