



Be the *face* of CHRIST

We couldn't do it without you!

"Lord, you give the great commission, heal the sick and preach the word; lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard..."



This wonderful hymn sums up so well why the Diocese of Worcester invites all parishioners to participate in the annual Partners in Charity appeal.



"The Church exists to bring the message of Christ to the world," says Bishop McManus. "If we believe Christ cared for the poor and those who were on the periphery, as Pope Francis often puts it, then the Church must do that, too. That is what we are doing through the agencies and ministries of Partners in Charity by offering compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves."

People are struggling in so many ways beyond dealing with the ongoing COVID pandemic, experiencing a hunger of the body, a hunger of the mind and a hunger of the soul.

Together with our parishes and schools, our agencies and ministries are witnessing to the love of God made known to us through the Gospels. Making the face of Christ real to tens of thousands of people each year, we are assuring that our Catholic faith is alive and tangible in the world today, for it is a faith in action!

"As with the virtues of faith and hope, charity is only possible when we are infused with the grace of God," Bishop McManus said. "When we recognize the grace of God that is given to us, we can respond to those around us in need."

Hunger of the Body

Charitable agencies are offering the face of Christ each day to those who are hungry, struggling with the risk of homelessness, or in need of clothing and other necessities for their families.

Miurka Torres, of Catholic Charities said, "Our clients have always been grateful that Catholic Charities helps them find hope, not just a quick solution for that day. We work with them to help them on



a road that keeps families together and leads to independence in the future."

Lateasha, a client of Catholic Charities, said, "I am so grateful that when I came to Catholic Charities for help, they wanted to know me and my family. They are even helping deal with how this pandemic has made life so hard."

Hunger of the Mind

Catholic education is about presenting the face of Christ to those who are hungry to know how to prepare for life.

Michael Hoogasian, teacher at Saint Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior

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High School, said, "Catholic schools provide many opportunities for students to connect with God and to discover what God has planned for them and to make the world a better place, as Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Romans. We recognize that our students are the Church of today, not just for the future."

"I am grateful for receiving a Catholic education since the seventh grade, because I was treated as a whole person, not just a number," said Daniel Mara. "It truly is a blessing that people donate to financially support families who want their children to get a Catholic education and to experience the great things I have experienced here at Saint Paul."

Hunger of the Soul

"I was a college graduate with a good career path as a medical technician," says Jonathan Amidon, seminarian for the Diocese of Worcester. "But I kept feeling that I was being called to serve people as a priest. God's love has been so present and powerful in my life that I need to share that love with others whether in times of joy, or sorrow, or despair. The diocesan seminary program is making it possible for me to pursue studies for the priesthood without the distraction of how to support myself and figure out how to pay for another college degree."



"It is very difficult today for a young man to hear God calling him to a vocation to the priesthood," said Father Donato Infante, director of vocations. "We are grateful that Partners in Charity offers the financial means to provide the environment for young people to discern through prayer, reflection and spiritual direction."

Consider Making a Pledge or Gift today



Whether you make a monthly or quarterly pledge, or a one-time gift, your support of Partners in Charity is making a difference for tens of thousands of people in need.



Check out the options for ways to donate on this brochure. Your response is a response to someone who is hungry for hope in their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

As Bishop McManus expressed, "My fervent hope and prayer is that people will respond as missionary disciples to those in need, making the Good News of the Gospel real in people's lives through the work of the agencies and ministries of Partners in Charity."

List of agencies

Charity

- Catholic Charities
- McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
- Pernet Family Health Service
- Priests' Retirement
- Retired Priests Health Ministry
- St. John Diocesan Cemetery System

Education

- Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity
- Catholic Schools Office
- Communications Ministry
- Grant-in-Aid for Schools
- Office of Religious Education
- Ongoing Priestly Formation
- Seminarian Education
- Stewardship Office

Ministry

- African Ministry
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Minister to Priests
- Office for Divine Worship
- Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry
- Office of Marriage and Family
- Office of the Diaconate
- Respect Life Office
- St. Paul Cathedral
- Vocations Office
- House of Studies
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries