



The Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Strengthening the Church at Home

Four out of every ten dioceses in the United States cannot offer their people basic pastoral care or provide priestly formation and lay ministry training without outside help. The millions of Catholics who live in these places, called home mission dioceses, rely on your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

In the Diocese of Boise, the Servant School instructs deacon aspirants, their wives, and lay ministers in helping provide for Catholics throughout Idaho. Parish outreach is challenged by the isolating terrain and a large and diverse population that spans over 83,000 square miles. With help from the Appeal, the Servant School is able to form and sustain vibrant parishes in Boise despite its challenges.

In Minnesota, the Diocese of Crookston is charged with the care of over 35,000 Catholics in 14 counties. Alongside the faithful, the mostly rural diocese is home to thousands of inactive or unchurched Catholics and a declining number of clergy to minister to them. Help from the Appeal allows the diocese to provide Catholic adults with the tools needed for leadership, ministry, and service to their local parish and community through the Pastoral Leadership Program (PLP). PLP provides a foundation for training catechetical, liturgical, and parish ministers to help meet the needs of the struggling parishes.

Your donation makes this outreach possible. Please be generous in this Appeal and **strengthen the Church at home.**

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal primarily supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. The Appeal supports a wide range of pastoral services. It focuses principally on ① evangelization activities, ② religious education, ③ ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople, and ④ support of poor parishes across the country.



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