

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Editor/Communications Director,

If you were to cross the Diocese of Colorado Springs, you would see the stunning mountain valleys and peaks of the Continental Divide to the west, and the wide expanses of the Great Plains to the east. However, the Diocese of Colorado Springs is a mission diocese because the terrain poses so many challenges for priests and ministers.

Each weekend, priests of the diocese traverse the treacherous mountain routes or drive hundreds of miles across the plains to preside over Sunday Masses. The lack of priests and ministers makes it difficult for the diocese to serve all of the region's Catholics. Without regular pastoral care, people, especially young adults, are susceptible to leaving the Church.

But your diocese's generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports campus ministry efforts across the diocese. Campus ministry serves students at two four-year institutions, a large community college population, those attending trade and vocational schools, and cadets from the United States Air Force Academy. Your support gives young adults the opportunity to make retreats, go on pilgrimages, participate in service projects, and attend vocational discernment events. These ministry centers also offer daily and Sunday Masses, RCIA classes, regular confession times, Eucharistic adoration, Bible studies, and other opportunities to build community.

As Michelle Maher-Lyons, Director of Catechesis, Youth Ministry, and Evangelization, expressed: "Our program is growing larger all the time and we still have large numbers of young people to welcome to what we do. It is with your support we are able to be the light of Christ to the young Church. Thank you for your support."

We need your help to promote this appeal. Please use your publications, website, social media channels, and other outlets to share this story and the importance of supporting this appeal. Premade materials, including a social media tool kit, web banners, and a sample letter from the bishop, are available at www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection.

If you have any questions or need more materials, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Gratefully in Christ,



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