

STRENGTHENING the CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Soon, parishes across your diocese will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to support those dioceses here in the United States that face fragile financial situations, vast distances, or difficult terrain that significantly impacts their ability to offer the most basic pastoral programs to the faithful. The generosity of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the country. **You can support this appeal by mentioning it at Mass on the collection weekend and by using the social media tool kit, bulletin cover, and web ads found at www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection.**

I want to share with you one example of the impact of this collection. Syriac Catholics in North America hail from the lands of Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon. They trace their Christian heritage back to the city of Antioch, where “the disciples were first called Christians” (Acts 11:26). On November 6, 2005, Pope St. John Paul II established Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Eparchy, the first eparchy established outside the traditional homeland, which encompasses the United States and Canada. Since 2016, the eparchy has had eight parishes and five missions served by 13 priests across the entire United States. Bishop Mar Barnaba Yousif Habash, based in the diocese’s home city of Bayonne, New Jersey, remarks that the Syriac Church is “one of the most ancient churches of Christianity, but also the smallest and poorest.” In recent years, the persecution of Syriac Christians in their homeland has further affected this small, poor eparchy not only through an influx of refugee families fleeing the violence of ISIS but also through families’ sending more of their meager resources back to help the Church in their homeland.

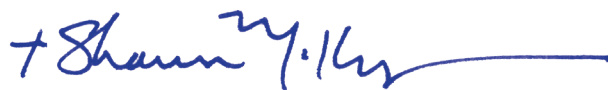
However, with your contribution to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the eparchy was able to purchase a diocesan church and pastoral center and better support its seminarians. These efforts help to carry on the Syriac faithful’s unique heritage and create a home for this generation and the next.

Since the 1924 inception of the American Board of Catholic Missions, the predecessor to the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions, gifts from American Catholics have supported nearly \$350 million in grants to home mission dioceses like Our Lady of Deliverance to strengthen the Church at home.

Thank you for your continued support of this appeal. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or ngerman@usccb.org.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Catholic Home Missions



WHAT IS A “HOME MISSION” DIOCESE?

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, seminarians, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 % of dioceses are considered home missions.

¿QUÉ ES UNA DIÓCESIS “MISIONERA”?

Las diócesis misioneras son aquellas diócesis en los Estados Unidos, en sus territorios y antiguos territorios, que no pueden proveer los servicios pastorales básicos a católicos sin recibir ayuda de fuera. Los servicios pastorales básicos incluyen la Misa y los otros sacramentos, la educación religiosa y la formación en el ministerio para sacerdotes, seminaristas, diáconos, religiosas y laicos. En el presente, más del 40% de las diócesis es considerada diócesis misionera.

PARISH APPEAL

This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly half of our country is considered mission territory. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous.

LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Este fin de semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Casi la mitad de nuestro país es considerado territorio misionero. Este Llamado ayuda a nuestros hermanos y hermanas aquí en Estados Unidos quienes no tienen acceso a los servicios pastorales que apoyan y hacen crecer su fe, básicos como la Misa, los sacramentos y la educación religiosa. Mediante su apoyo, el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas ayuda a estas diócesis misioneras a formar entusiastas comunidades de fe y fortalecer la Iglesia en casa. Por favor, sean generosos.

SIMPLE STEPS

Follow these simple steps to strengthen the Church at home:

1 ANNOUNCE the appeal in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so parishioners know what it is, where their money goes, and when to expect the collection. **This is the most effective way to ensure the success of the appeal.**

2 PREACH about the difficulties faced by home mission dioceses. These dioceses struggle with poverty and unemployment, rugged terrain that makes travel difficult between parishes, a lack of priests and lay ministers, and limited financial resources to fund vital pastoral ministries.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WEEK BEFORE THE APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

THE WEEK OF THE APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40 % of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

THE WEEK AFTER THE APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$[AMOUNT] to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

LA SEMANA ANTES DEL LLAMADO

La próxima semana realizaremos el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Hoy, más del 40 % de las diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar las labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus comunidades. El apoyo de ustedes a este llamado facilita los esfuerzos que hacen estas diócesis. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a este llamado. Encuentren más información en www.usccb.org/home-missions.

LA SEMANA DEL LLAMADO

¡Apoyen hoy al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas! En estos momentos, más del 40 % de las diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar las labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus comunidades. Su apoyo financia la educación religiosa, la formación de seminaristas, la capacitación de ministros laicos y otros programas que construyen entusiastas comunidades de fe aquí en los Estados Unidos. Por favor, sean generosos. Más información en www.usccb.org/home-missions.

LA SEMANA DESPUÉS DEL LLAMADO

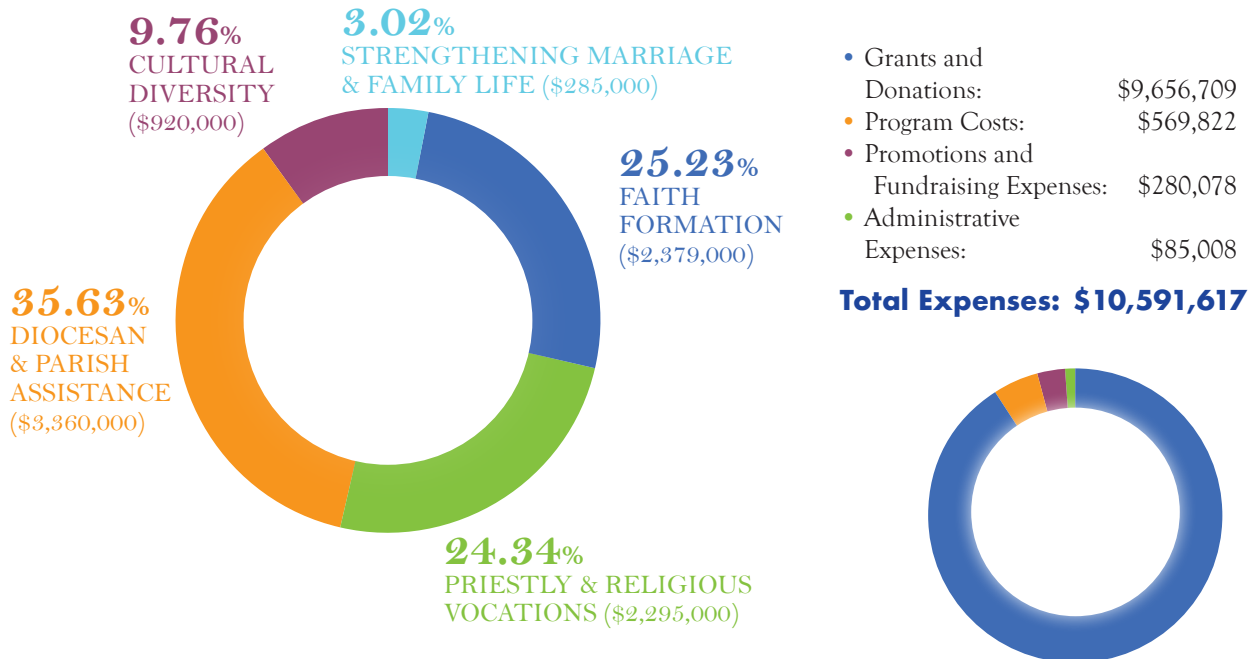
Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Como parroquia, recaudamos \$[CANTIDAD] para ayudar a fortalecer la Iglesia en casa y asegurar que el Evangelio se difunda en todo Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a contribuir al Llamado, aun lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

3 PRAY for our neighbors in home mission dioceses who live without regular access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education.



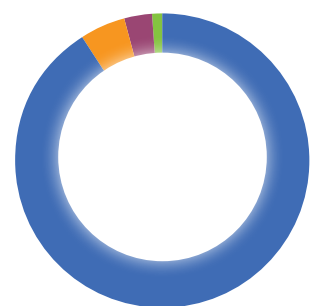
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WHAT DOES YOUR GIFT FUND?



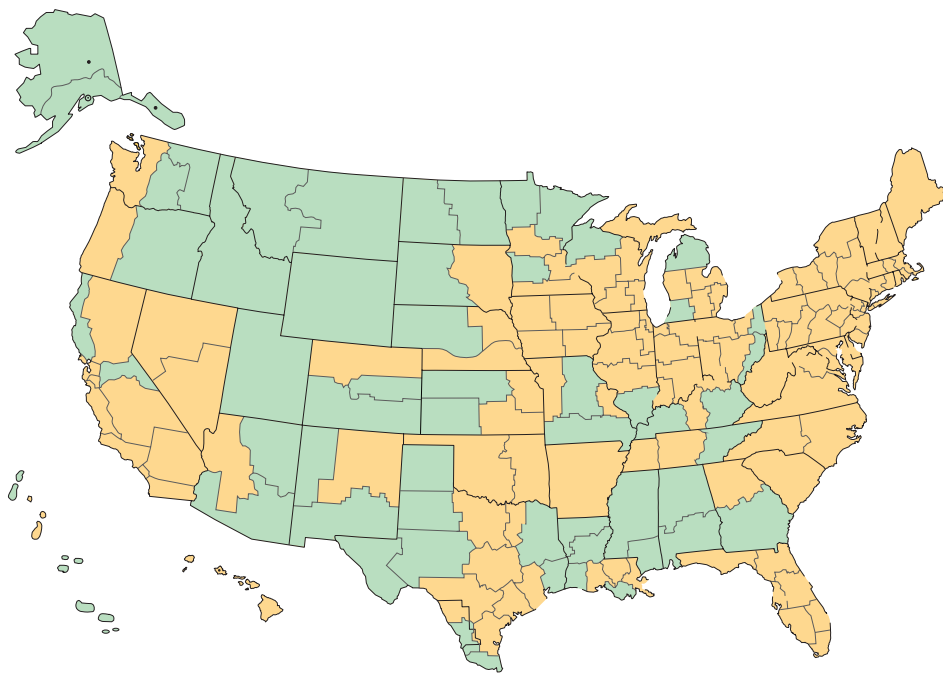
- Grants and Donations: \$9,656,709
- Program Costs: \$569,822
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: \$280,078
- Administrative Expenses: \$85,008

Total Expenses: \$10,591,617



2018 FINANCIALS

WHERE DOES YOUR SUPPORT GO?



- Other Funded Dioceses/Eparchies**
- The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter-Houston, TX
 - Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
 - EASTERN CATHOLIC EPARCHIES**
 - Armenian – Glendale, CA
 - Byzantine – Parma, OH; Phoenix, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA
 - Chaldean – San Diego, CA
 - Maronite – Brooklyn, NY; St. Louis, MO
 - Melkite – West Roxbury, MA
 - Romanian – Canton, OH
 - Syriac – Union City, NJ
 - Syro-Malabar – Chicago, IL
 - Syro-Malankara – Elmont, NY
 - Ukrainian – Chicago, IL; Parma, OH; Philadelphia, PA; Stamford, CT

Green square = Home Mission Dioceses

To learn more about this appeal or to find additional resources, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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