

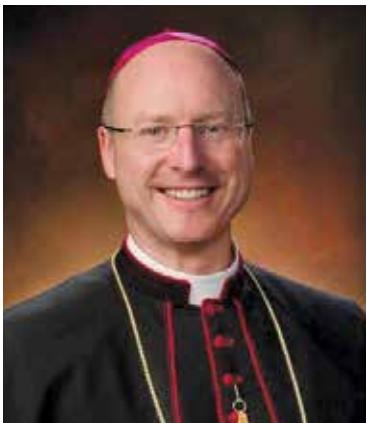
ANNUAL REPORT 2024

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Followers of Jesus are called to help others grow in faith and especially to be a blessing to those whose poverty or isolation prevents them from experiencing a strong Christian community. That is why the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops created and promotes the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

This annual collection supports home mission dioceses in the United States and its territories—places with limited

financial resources or too few Catholics to support essential ministry. I have been honored to be chairman of the bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions, because I have seen how it supports our Lord's work.

Your gifts enable these mission dioceses to ignite and sustain pastoral care, formation, and evangelization even in the most marginalized communities.

Thanks to your generosity, Catholic Home Missions provided more than \$8.1 million to support dioceses—and their parishes—in desperate need in 2024. All their bishops, clergy, religious, and laity join me in giving thanks for your generosity.

Home mission dioceses are filled with committed Catholics who give sacrificially to support the Church. In the Diocese of Belleville, an economically devastated region that is only about 8% Catholic, parishioners typically exceed what their bishop asks in the annual diocesan appeal. In 2022, then-Bishop Michael McGovern sold the diocesan bishop's residence and moved into the cathedral rectory so the diocese could fund an outreach to pregnant women and new mothers. The Catholics of Belleville dig deep to serve Jesus but cannot meet the cost of providing basic ministries. This report will tell you about some of the good works they are doing with your gifts.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal also supports the Church in US territories, including the Diocese of Samoa—Pago Pago in American Samoa. Its 16,500 parishioners live on a handful of tiny islands scattered in a 300-mile arc across the South Pacific. The Catholic faith is growing there, and you support the Church's witness to the love and mercy of God.

Mission dioceses do remarkable work among youth, immigrants, and married couples despite diocesan budgets so tight that one staff member might hold two or more major offices. In the Diocese of Steubenville, the sole full-time staff member for marriage, family, and pro-life concerns also oversees diocesan data management and fundraising. Yet thanks to your gifts, this diocese offers an array of impressive ministries for families and those whose human life and dignity are jeopardized.

Please continue to pray for these dioceses. Thank you for all you have done to support these life-giving, soul-saving ministries in places where they could not happen without your help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas
Chairman, Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions

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THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot cover their own costs due either to a lack of financial resources among its parishioners or often to a very small Catholic population. Of more than \$8.1 million distributed in 2024, the largest shares directly subsidized diocesan and parish general operations (30%); supported evangelization and faith formation (25%); and underwrote vocations direction (22%).

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

The Diocese of Belleville, in southern Illinois, includes cities abandoned by legacy industries, resulting in high unemployment, declining tax bases, and the quiet collapse of vast rural regions, where mining industries died off and family-based agriculture is threatened by industrial farming.

Ministry with teens and young adults is a high priority here. With grant support from Catholic Home Missions, youth ministers—typically volunteers—receive training and certification. Catholic schools are an important part of this outreach.

Catholic Home Missions supports Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis, a beacon of hope to the primarily Black students living below the poverty line in a city with high illiteracy rates. Students receive an education designed to help attain academic and personal success, all in the context of a strong Catholic identity.

DIOCESE OF SAMOA— PAGO PAGO

On American Samoa, comprising seven tiny islands halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, 16,500 of the population of 68,200 are Catholic.

The Diocese of Samoa—Pago Pago has 18 diocesan and 2 religious priests serving its 18 parishes, as well as a remote mission accessible only by air or sea.

Lay catechists are crucial to the pastoral care of families in these remote locations, especially in the mission where scheduling limits and inclement weather often prevent a priest from traveling by boat or aircraft. A Catholic Home Missions grant underwrites the formation of these lay leaders who provide sacramental preparation, youth ministry, and assistance to the sick.

One of the diocese's most important social ministries is Hope House, American Samoa's only around-the-clock residential care facility for those with disabilities, those who have age-related frailties, and those who need hospice care. A grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal integrates pastoral and spiritual care into the life at Hope House by providing weekly Mass, sacraments, prayer services, music, and games.

DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY

With just 29 active priests ministering to 48 parishes in western Kansas, the Diocese of Dodge City serves a growing Latino population. With help from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Hispanic ministry office strives to integrate Spanish language and Latino culture into all ministries of the diocese. The office implemented a successful Spanish-language marriage mentoring program that helps couples move

from cohabitation to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE

The Diocese of Steubenville stretches more than 250 miles along the Ohio River, encompassing twelve of Ohio's poorest counties.

Support from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal enables the limited staff of the diocesan office of marriage, family, and respect life to offer robust programs, including prayer outreach to homebound and institutionalized people, expansion of the Project Rachel ministry (which provides spiritual and emotional healing opportunities to both women and men who have experienced the trauma and grief of abortion), and a ministry to support parents who have lost children at any age.

Limited diocesan resources make youth ministry a difficult challenge, but Catholic Home Missions subsidizes spiritual growth opportunities for teens, including a Catholic adventure camp and a program to send 141 students to Franciscan University of Steubenville's world-renowned youth evangelization conference.

In the words of the diocesan youth director, “Our diocese is extremely grateful for the monies made available through the Catholic Home Missions grants to fund our effort to win over our youth and teens for Christ in these difficult days. Our resources are precious, and our hopes are big.”

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets for the Year Ending December 31, 2024

REVENUES

National Collections Contributions*	\$8,628,253
Income on Investments	\$1,085,134
Total Revenues	\$9,713,387

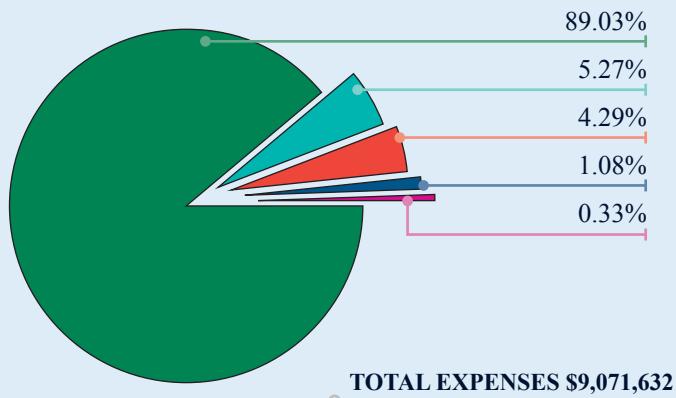
*Includes diocesan Catholic Home Missions Appeal remittances and direct individual and institutional contributions.

EXPENSES

	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Grants and Donations*	\$8,076,036	89.03%
Program Costs	\$478,207	5.27%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$389,274	4.29%
Administrative Expenses	\$98,290	1.08%
Allocations—Internal Grants**	\$29,825	0.33%
Total Expenses	\$9,071,632	100%
Total Expenses, Excluding Internal Grants	\$9,041,807	
Total Grants & Donations, Including Internal Grants	\$8,105,861	

*Grants approved in 2024 totaled \$8,178,475. Grants and donations in 2024 totaled \$8,105,861, which includes payments and amendments to grants approved in 2024 and prior years.

**Internal grants support the participation of representatives from home mission dioceses in programs organized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Changes in Net Assets from Operations	\$641,755
Non-Operating Activities:	
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$770,002
Changes in Net Assets	\$1,411,757
Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$12,594,140
Net Assets at the End of the Year	\$14,005,897

2024 GRANT INFORMATION

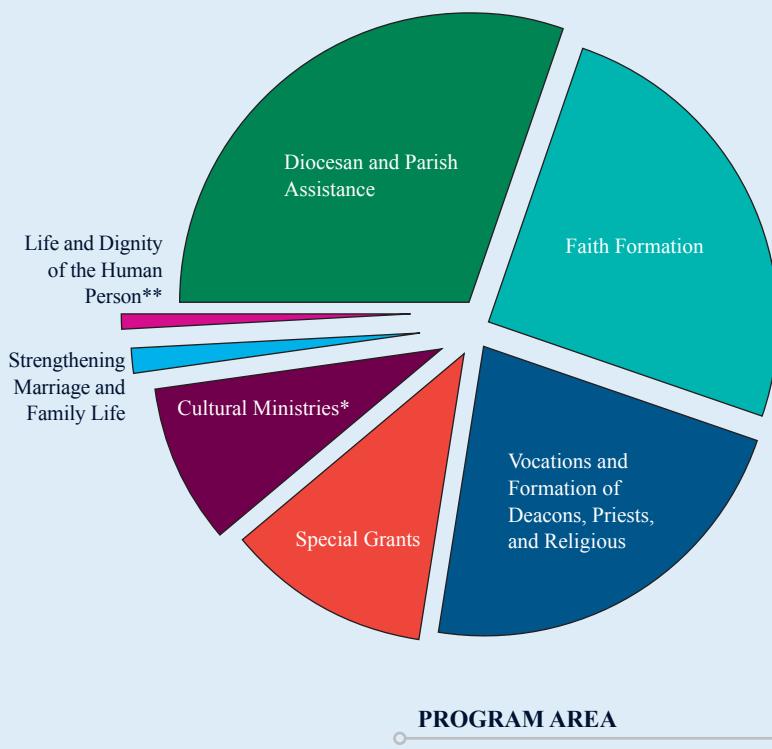
PROGRAM AREA	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,485,000	30.38%
Faith Formation	\$2,045,000	25.00%
Vocations and Formation of Deacons, Priests, and Religious	\$1,810,000	22.13%
Special Grants	\$938,475	11.47%
Cultural Ministries*	\$725,000	8.86%
Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$125,000	1.53%
Life and Dignity of the Human Person**	\$50,000	0.61%
TOTAL	\$8,178,475	100%

*Including Hispanic/Latino, Black, Asian, and Native American ministries.

**Including ministries for persons with disabilities.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Support for the Installation of a New Home Mission Bishop	\$90,000
Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities	\$108,475
Support of USCCB Initiatives (Eucharistic Revival, Synodal Journey)	\$740,000
Total	\$938,475



If you miss the collection or wish to give outside of the collection, #iGiveCatholic (at QR code below or <https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CHM>) accepts funds online to support the good work of Catholic Home Missions.

Thank you for your support!



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