DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up (Gal 6:9)."

As we begin a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways God continues to bless the Diocese of Harrisburg. I see these blessings bearing fruit in the life of our parishes and schools, in the faith of our students and young adults, and in the generous service of our clergy and lay leaders. Above all, I see them in you—our faithful people—whose generosity makes this shared mission possible.

Through your support of the 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign, the seeds of faith you have sown are bearing real and lasting fruit. More than 90 diocesan ministries can continue their vital work, serving Catholics of every age and stage of life. Catholic Charities provides nourishment for the hungry and shelter for those seeking safety and stability. Our vocations efforts are helping young men and women listen more attentively for God's call and discern a future of service to the Church. Your generosity, offered in faith and hope, has truly yielded a bountiful harvest.

I invite you to take time with this Impact Report and reflect on what we have accomplished together. The stories and information shared in these pages illustrate how your gifts are put to work and reflect our deep commitment to careful, faithful stewardship. Transparency and accountability are essential to honoring the trust you place in the Church, and we are grateful for the confidence you continue to show.

As we look ahead to 2026, your ongoing partnership remains essential. In early February, you will receive the first mailing for the 2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign, *Faithful Stewards*. With your continued support, we can sustain and strengthen the ministries that bring Christ's love, mercy, and hope to our communities.

Pope Leo reminds us of the example of our Blessed Mother. "The "yes" of the Mother of the Lord is wonderful, but so also can ours be, renewed faithfully each day, with gratitude, humility and perseverance, in prayer and in concrete acts of love, from the most extraordinary gestures to the most mundane and ordinary efforts and acts of service. In this way, Christ can be known, welcomed and loved everywhere and salvation can come to everyone (*Angelus*, December 8, 2025)." Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones. I ask that you continue to pray for me and for all who serve the Diocese, that together we may remain faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Timothy C. Senior

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior | Bishop of Harrisburg

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LAITY & FAMILY

The Office for Laity & Family supports clergy, parish staff, and lay leaders in their mission to provide for the pastoral needs of the faithful in their communities. The Office provides programming, training, resources, and direct pastoral support in the areas of marriage and family life, evangelization and discipleship, adult formation, and spiritual direction. Regular events include the Men's and Women's Conferences, Mentor Couple Training, and Parish Pastoral Council Training.

"I am so grateful for the Formation for the Ministry of Spiritual Direction. I am privileged to be part of the current cohort of ten men and women eager to begin providing this valuable service for others in our diocese."

— Virginia Haney

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministries provides support to all those working in Youth Ministry, College Campus Ministry, Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39), Catholic Scouting, and CYO Sports. This Office seeks to equip, enrich, and empower ministry leaders as disciples so they can do the same for those they serve. The Office hosts Diocesan events and sponsors trips to national events for each of the ministry groups, providing opportunities to encounter Christ and gather the larger Diocesan community.

"I have seen an overlap of youth, young adults, and campus ministry students praying and socializing together. It has been a blessing to see these bridges being built between different communities throughout our diocese."

— Joseph Gonzalez

VOCATIONS

The Office for Vocations walks with those discerning God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and other forms of consecrated life. Through prayer, mentoring, and pastoral guidance, this Office helps discerners to know the Lord's call in their life and support them in following Him.

The major events hosted by the Vocations Office include: the Called By Name Campaign, Project Andrew Dinners, Quo Vadis Days Retreat, and Discernment Groups.

"Joyful priests make such a huge difference in doing their ministry with a servant's heart. That has really stuck out to me. If I'm called to be a priest, I want to bring the joy of Christ to others. God can use all of our interests and personalities to bring people to Him."

— John Kellett

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities, as the human services arm of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Harrisburg, provides transformative services to thousands of families each year. Programs range from maternity homes, adoption services, foster care and counseling to a homeless shelter that keeps families intact. Most of the services are offered at minimal or no cost to the client.

"I was fortunate to find Catholic Charities. The first time I called them, the conversation was so comforting. When I came to their office for the first time, it was already like they were in my heart, because I could feel the respect and the love."

— Marianela Feliz de Cator

COMMUNICATIONS

The mission of the Office for Communications is to project the voice of the Diocese and its bishop with clarity and precision. As the storytellers of the Diocese and the Bishop, all forms of media are used to demonstrate that communications is a ministry by clearly, concisely, and consistently publishing the Gospel proclaimed and lived throughout our region. This Office is also a resource to all parishes, Catholic schools and ministries in the Diocese.

"I enjoyed this month's Scripture & Reflection video tremendously! I was really able to understand about the Transfiguration more clearly. Thank you so much for your words of wisdom & explanation."

— Thomas S.

YOUTH PROTECTION

The Office for Youth Protection ensures the Diocese of Harrisburg clergy, those in consecrated life, employees and volunteers comply both with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as it pertains to Clerics, School Employees and those working with minors and vulnerable adults AND developing policies, programs and materials regarding the Diocesan Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS) along with overseeing the implementation and promotion of them.

"Protecting young people is one of the most powerful investments we can make in the future. Youth protection programs provide a safe environment with trusted adults and critical resources."

— Michelle Shae

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The Office for Divine Worship is a resource for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. The Office assists the Bishop with the preparation and planning of all liturgical celebrations in the Diocese for which he is the celebrant.

"I was excited to be here for the first time, and I thought that if I came here, I would feel Jesus' presence – and I did!"

— Pedro Perez

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Secretariat for Catholic Education envisions Catholic education as a lifelong process to fulfill the human and spiritual potential of all people, calling them to discover, accept, proclaim and live the Gospel message, while growing in the gift of faith.

"Catholic education has been foundational to our family. The sacrifice is real, however it is one of the best decisions that we have made for our family. Having our values and Catholic faith respected in the classroom and echoing what is being taught in our home is invaluable. Our schools have partnered with us in raising holy young men that are ready to enter the world as Christ's disciples."

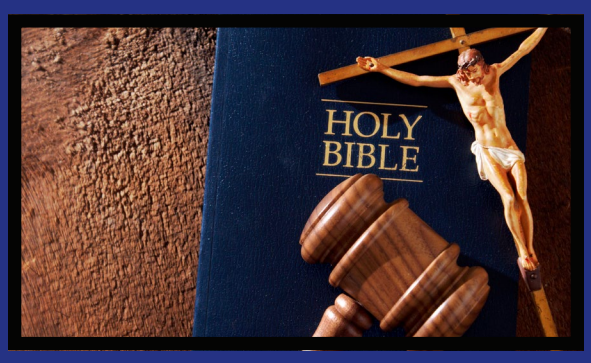
— Marie Kellett

LIFE & DIGNITY

The Office for Life & Dignity promotes the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. This includes Care for Creation, services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, support for Persons with Disabilities, Ethics and End-of-Life concerns, Health and Pastoral Care, Mental Health, Human Trafficking awareness, the March for Life, advocacy efforts, and Respect Life ministries.

"The folks at camp support Ben's interests. He always comes home expressing that he had a personalized week at camp. Camp Kirchenwald is one of the places where he has come to recognize certain activities that he enjoys and blossom with them."

— Beth Fry



TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is an ecclesiastical court that seeks to pursue or vindicate rights, declare juridic facts, promote the common good, and uphold the Church's law. Typically, the Tribunal deals with the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, but also deals with any canonical issue or question. The Tribunal manages marriage permissions and dispensations for couples getting married, as well as the processes and verdicts of Declarations of Nullity (Annulments).

"The affirmative decision that I received from the tribunal, gave me the opportunity to be healed from the wounds of my divorce by allowing me to participate fully in the sacraments and the life of the Church and ultimately allowed me to be reconciled with God."

— J.J.P.

CULTURE & OUTREACH

The Office for Culture & Outreach serves the diverse family of the Diocese. The mission of this Office is to foster the universality of the Catholic Church by encouraging full participation of all believers and cultivating a spirit of hospitality and outreach in every parish community. This Office supports efforts in Multicultural apostolates, Hospitality ministries, migrant outreach and advocacy, prison ministry, dialogue and synodality, and enculturation of the Gospel.

"For years I drifted away from the Catholic faith, and now I am part of the Women of Grace. While participating in the Hispanic Conference, I felt a thirst to serve my Lord in a deeper way. I invite you to participate in a conference and experience God's love."

— Maria Gonalez

2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

CLERGY & RELIGIOUS LIFE	$1,909,946
CATHOLIC LIFE & EVANGELIZATION	$1,658,020
CATHOLIC EDUCATION	$854,491
COMMUNICATIONS	$780,005
GENERAL SECRETARIAT	$760,846
CANONICAL SERVICES (TRIBUNAL)	$731,138
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	$632,786
DIOCESAN SUPPORT	$144,596

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