



"If the door of God's mercy is always open, the doors of our churches, our love, our communities, our parishes, our institutions, our dioceses also must be open so that we all can go out to bring God's mercy."

- POPE FRANCIS

2016 APPEAL REPORT

CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal, I would like to thank all of you who made a sacrificial gift to the 2016 Appeal. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that I acknowledge your continued generosity.

Thanks to the generous support of the people of the Diocese of Worcester, and the leadership of pastors and parish chair-people, we surpassed our \$5 million goal for pastoral, educational and charitable ministries raising \$5,044,850.

May God bless each of our donors as together we offer the face of God's mercy to our brothers and sisters in need.

The 2016 report is available online at partners-charity.net.

Partners in Charity, formerly known to our founding donors as the Bishop's Fund, is the diocesan appeal that sustains the educational, social and charitable ministries of our Catholic faith community.

Thanks to the gifts from more than 18,000 families and individuals, we are able to meet the financial needs of our ministries in 2016. A special thank you to the 80 St. Paul Society members who contributed \$428,594, and the 43 Holy Family Society members who donated \$539,130. These two societies collectively gave \$967,724.

We are also grateful to the 150 priests who contributed \$238,969 (97 gave \$1,000 or more). We welcomed 818 new appeal donors in 2016, this group collectively gave \$122,766. Online gifts contributed \$332,829 from 727 donors.

As you reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon you this past year, I encourage you to support the upcoming 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal. Please take a moment to review this annual report that shows how your 2016 gift is currently putting our faith into action. The need to fund these ministries and programs is ongoing.

Thank you again for your generosity. With your help, we will continue to build up the Church in Worcester County and beyond.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



How can you give to the 2017 campaign?



IN YOUR PARISH
Pass in your envelope during In-Pew Sunday



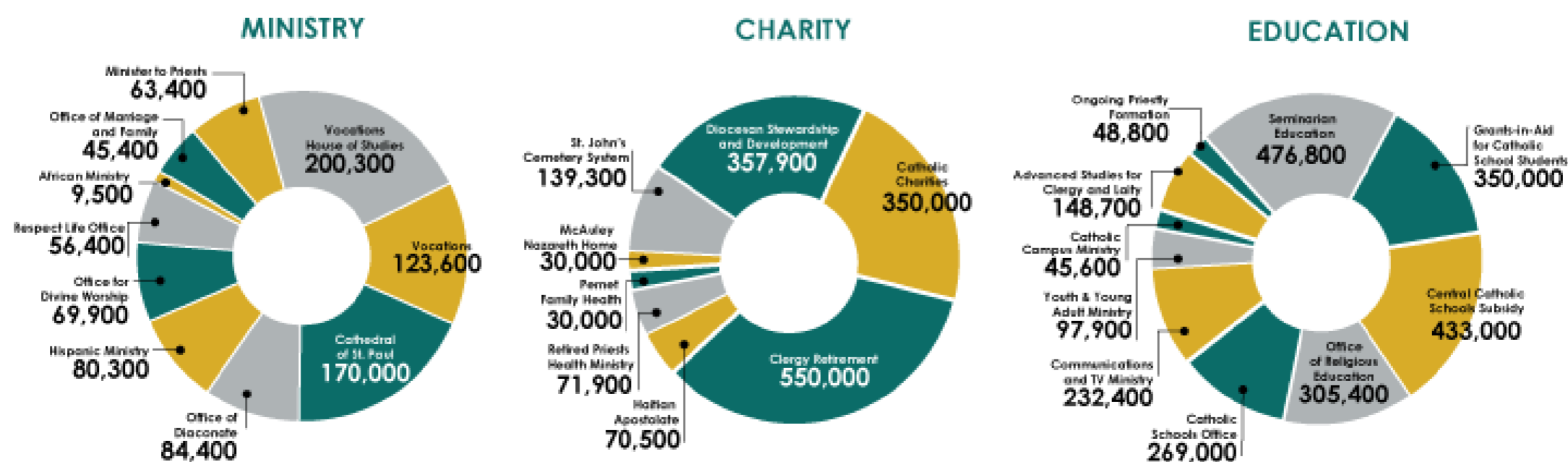
DIRECT MAIL
Partners In Charity
49 Elm St.,
Worcester, MA 01609



ONLINE
www.partners-charity.net

Have you ever wondered where your Partners in Charity donation goes?

We show you below where your donation to the 2016 Partners in Charity campaign is making a difference now.



Last year your gift was one of more than **18,000** made to Partners in Charity

Together we raised more than **\$5M** for use in the current fiscal year

We support **28** ministries and agencies that serve in Worcester County

Thank you for being a Partner in Charity. Visit www.partners-charity.net to learn more about these agencies and ministries.