

SPECIAL UPDATE

REMAINING FAITHFUL TO OUR MISSION— STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME IN 2020 AND 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public Masses were suspended across the country at the time of the 2020 Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). Unfortunately, this significantly impacted the appeal and the other national collections throughout the year. The unaudited total for the 2020 CHMA as of January 2021 was less than \$3.1 million, more than a 63% decrease from the prior year.

However, as the pandemic continues across the world, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal has remained faithful in providing vital assistance to 87 dioceses and eparchies across the United States, its territories, and several former territories in the Pacific. Without these funds, these dioceses and eparchies would not be able to minister to their parishioners in all the ways that are needed. In 2021, when the appeal is taken up in your parish, prayerfully consider supporting it. You can also help by including the CHMA and all national collections in your online parish/diocesan e-offertory programs or envelopes programs, and by praying with us for an end to this pandemic and for those who have lost their lives or livelihoods as a result of it.

**MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY TO STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH AT HOME.**

Bishops from Catholic Home Mission–funded dioceses express their thanks for your ongoing support:

It is with profound gratitude that I send this letter on behalf of all the faithful of the Diocese of Steubenville. The program areas funded are crucial in strengthening critical pastoral ministries throughout the diocese. Your investment in helping us reach people where they are, and bring them the faith through resources and tools in short supply until now, is a message of hope to all of our parishioners and the people who serve them.
–**Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, Diocese of Steubenville**

I am so grateful to the bishops and staff of Catholic Home Missions, together with all of the faithful who support CHM, for your support for the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma.... This grant is such a blessing for us and will be faithfully utilized in furthering the Kingdom of God. Your support has been essential. –**Bishop Milan Lach, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma**

I sincerely want to thank you and the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions for awarding the Diocese of Crookston the 2021 grant. May the good Lord continue to bless you all at Catholic Home Missions.
–**Bishop Michael J. Hoepfner, Diocese of Crookston**

I send you my deepest gratitude for all that you and the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions does for the Diocese of Tucson. Without your assistance, we would not be able to provide support for these valuable programs and vital ministries.... Please be assured of my continued prayers for the success of the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions and the great work you do on behalf of our mission diocese.
–**Bishop Edward Weisenburger, Diocese of Tucson**

We are very grateful for this support and will ensure that the funds are used for the programs as indicated. I was saddened to learn of the negative effect of this year's pandemic on the Collection for Catholic Home Missions and pray that next year will fare better.
–**Bishop Peter Muhich, Diocese of Rapid City**

I deeply appreciate this much-needed assistance and the generous support we receive as a mission diocese from the Catholic Home Missions. I am remembering you and those who support Catholic Home Missions in my prayers and Masses I offer daily.
–**Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III, Diocese of Biloxi**



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In their 2000 pastoral letter *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration*,* the bishops of the United States called the faithful to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes into account the dignity of crime victims and their families, communities, and offenders.

The Catholic Home Missions-funded Diocese of Santa Rosa is answering this call for an approach that upholds justice and healing in its six counties of northwestern California, stretching from Napa in the south along the coastline to the Oregon border. The diocese's Catholic Restorative Justice Ministries program (www.restorejusticesantarosa.org) works to fulfill the bishops' vision through a variety of activities that include support for inmates reentering

society, as well as pastoral ministries for crime victims and their families, justice system personnel, and inmates. The program's broad range of goals are being implemented, expanded, and refined yearly with financial assistance from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. When you participate in the appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

*To read this letter online, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm.

Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

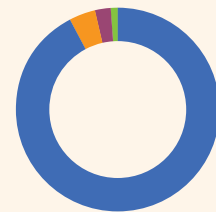
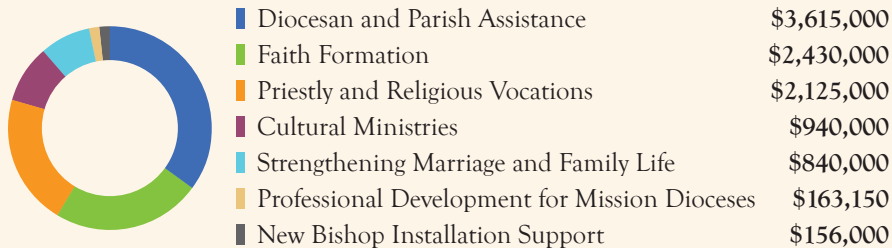
For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

WHAT IS A HOME MISSION DIOCESE?

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

CHMA FINANCIALS 2019

TOTALS BY PROGRAM AREA



Grants and Donations	92.46%
Program Costs	3.96%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	2.73%
Administrative Expenses (Including Internal Grants)	0.86%

Total Expenses

\$11,261,121



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