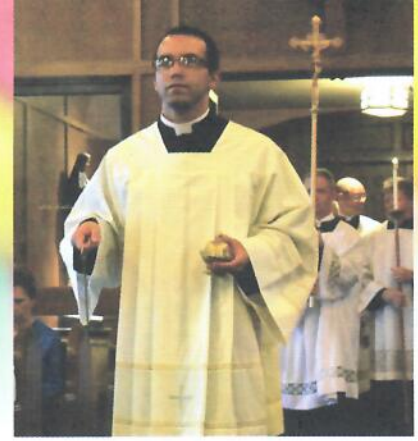


STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Our Catholic faith is one of beauty and hope, mercy and joy. But for too many people across the country, there are few opportunities to learn about and deepen that faith. Even the most basic programs are out of reach because of fragile financial situations, tough terrain, or small populations of Catholics. One does not need to go far to find mission territory: it is right here at home. But your support for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) can make a difference.

The Diocese of Yakima covers the central part of Washington State. The local agriculture industry attracts Hispanic immigrants and migrants who come to work. More and more of these families are choosing to settle in this area, and the diocese seeks to

welcome them into the family of faith. But a shortage of priests makes this difficult. With your support of CHMA, the diocese is not only welcoming more vocations to the priesthood but is also helping these seminarians learn to minister to this new and growing population.

During the summer, some seminarians spend time with migrant workers, meeting with the people in the fields and orchards and inviting them to Mass. Throughout the summer, these seminarians reach over 900 people. “The presence of the seminarians in parishes and in the apple warehouse and fields during the summer has made a big impression on the parishioners,” Alma Benitez from the diocese expressed. Your support of this appeal supports men and women across the country as

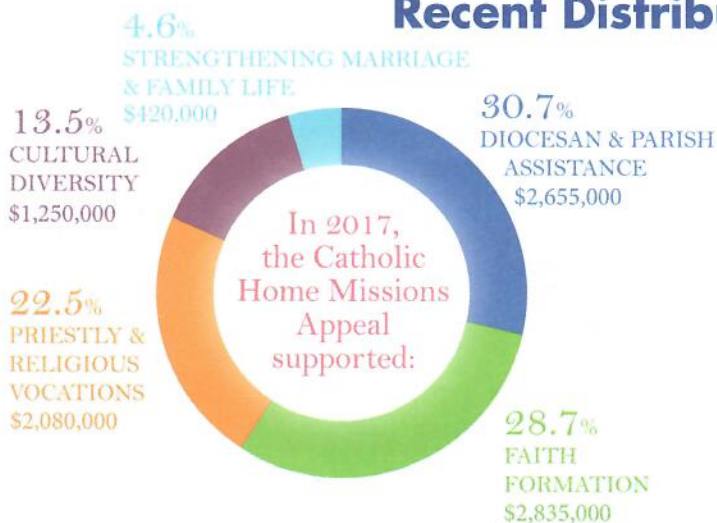
they discern their vocational call and serve marginalized communities.

Support CHMA, and lift up the lives—and faith—of our brothers and sisters around the country. 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 dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses are considered home missions.

Recent Distribution of Funding



- Grants and Donations: \$9,664,936
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: \$301,197
- Administrative Expenses: \$231,347
- Program Costs: \$220,870

Total Expenses: \$10,418,350



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