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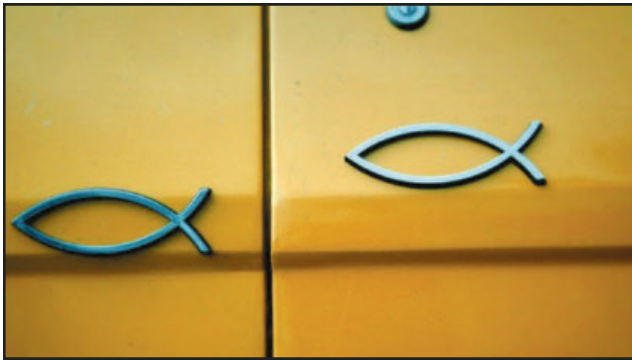
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January 21, 2024 • The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why do Christians use the fish symbol?

By Philip Kosloski



Bumper stickers weren't the first place where the Ichthys was used.

Fish symbols on car bumpers are common these days. Sometimes the outline of the fish contains a cross within it and is commonly known to indicate someone's Christian faith. While it may seem like a recent invention, the symbol can be traced back all the way to the beginning of Christianity.

The "Jesus fish" as it is more commonly known today, was first used by Christians in the 2nd century.

In Greek it is known as the *Ichthys*, the word that simply means "fish." But the Greek letters — ΙΧΘΥΣ — can also be an acronym, as they are the initials of the words in the Greek phrase that translates "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."

Fish were a common part of Mediterranean life and religion, so for Christians under persecution, the Ichthys became a covert sign to identify their beliefs. The fish also has deep roots in the New Testament. Jesus called fishermen to be his apostles and explained how he would make them "fishers of men."

Fish also symbolically became tied to the early Christian celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus' miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish was seen as a prefigurement of the Eucharistic bread at Mass.

The Ichthys was a common symbol in the Christian catacombs and is still used by many Christians today.

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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7:00 p.m.

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Tickets are available for purchase from your friendly, neighborhood
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Light Refreshments included.



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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- 01/22 • Rev. Timothy Williford
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January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by
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Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

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Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20, Memorial for Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Karen Cronin (dec.)

Saturday, January 20, Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lu Ann Kenning (dec.)

Sunday, January 21, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Gerald Hayman (dec.)

Monday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. Dick McManus (dec.)

Tuesday, January 23, Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Wanda Harley (dec.)

Wednesday, January 24, Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, January 25, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Tim Morris (dec.)

Friday, January 26, Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00 a.m. Ivan and Lucy Beddoe (dec.)

Saturday, January 27, Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Merrill Leavens (dec.)

Saturday, January 27, Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Daniel Joseph Ayers (liv.)

Sunday, January 28, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Patrick Healy (dec.)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec.)

PRAYER FOR LIFE

FATHER AND MAKER OF ALL,

YOU ADORN ALL CREATION WITH SPLENDOR
AND BEAUTY, AND FASHION HUMAN LIVES IN
YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS.

AWAKEN IN EVERY HEART REVERENCE FOR
THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS, AND RENEW
AMONG YOUR PEOPLE A READINESS TO
NURTURE AND SUSTAIN YOUR PRECIOUS GIFT
OF LIFE.

GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

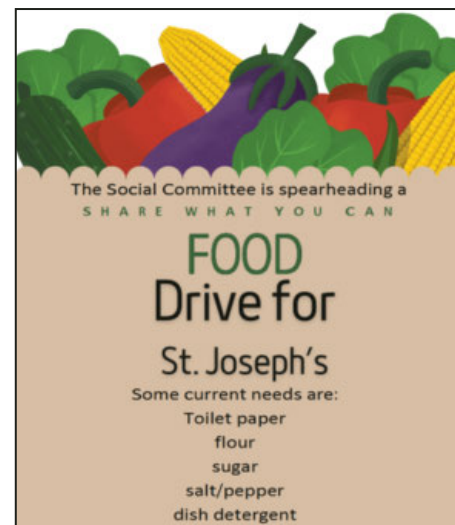
"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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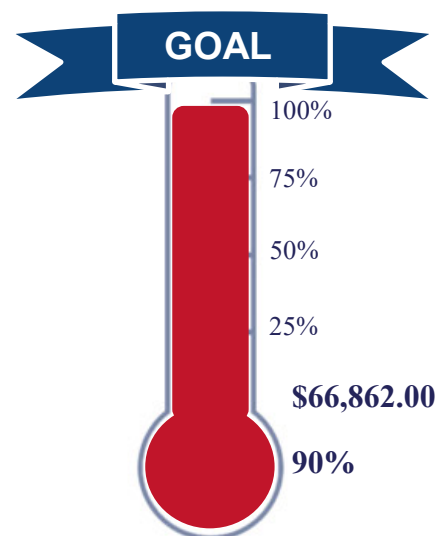


Our final result for the Catholic Ministry Appeal for 2023 was \$66,862, which was 90% of our goal.

Many thanks to all who contributed. We had 37% participation from our parishioners, which is considered very good in the diocese.

Our goal for 2024 is \$74,517, which is just slightly higher than for 2023. With a few more people contributing, that goal is within reach!

Thank you for your prayerful giving!



Upcoming Events

Monday, January 22 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, January 23 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Thursday, January 25 4:00-5:00 pm	SVDP Meeting	CYH-1
Friday, January 26 BT Social Group Meets after the 8:00 am Mass@ Kahwa Coffee 400 45th Ave S, St. Petersburg 33705		
Saturday, January 27 7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Sock Hop Dance	PH
Sunday, January 28 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, January 29 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, January 30 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, January 31 9:00 am	SVDP Cares Staff Meeting	PH
Thursday, February 1 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Saturday, February 3 5:00 pm	K.O.C. event: Fish n'Chicken Fry	PH
Sunday, February 4 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, February 5 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer group	CYH
Tuesday, February 6 10:00-11:30 am 7:00 pm	Scripture Class K.O.C. Meeting	CYH PH
Thursday, February 8 4:00-5:00 pm 6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal	CYH-1 MR.
Sunday, February 11 9:00 am	K.O.C. Pancake Breakfast	PH
Monday, February 12 7:00 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, February 13 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Thursday, February 15 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
Friday, February 16 5:00 pm	K.O.C. Fish Fry	PH
Sunday, February 18 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH

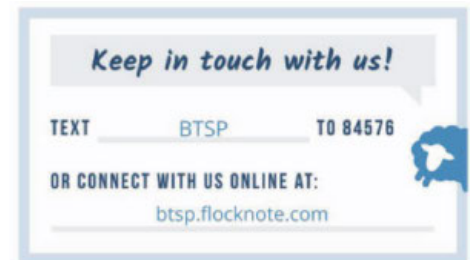
PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1

"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in Courtyard Hall.

All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.



Social Group

The Blessed Trinity Social Group is meeting regularly now. Please join us at the Kahwa coffee shop @ 400 45th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 after the 8:00 am Mass on the Last Friday of each Month. Bring your ideas!

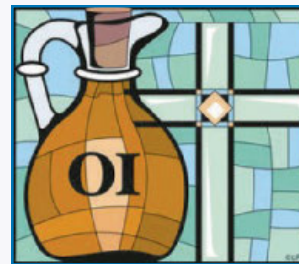
Please note our next meeting will be Friday, January 26th.

All are welcome!

Arnold, Barbara
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Comeau, Teresa
Coston, Robert
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Fitzgerald, Dan
Gawlik, Frank
Gawlik, Sofia
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Huff, Walt

Irvin, John
Joyal, Christina
Kindel, Helen
Kirchgessner, Marie
Klima, Sue
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew
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Maharne, Cecile
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Deacon Lionel
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Stankiewicz, Cy
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Vanderbeck, Jay
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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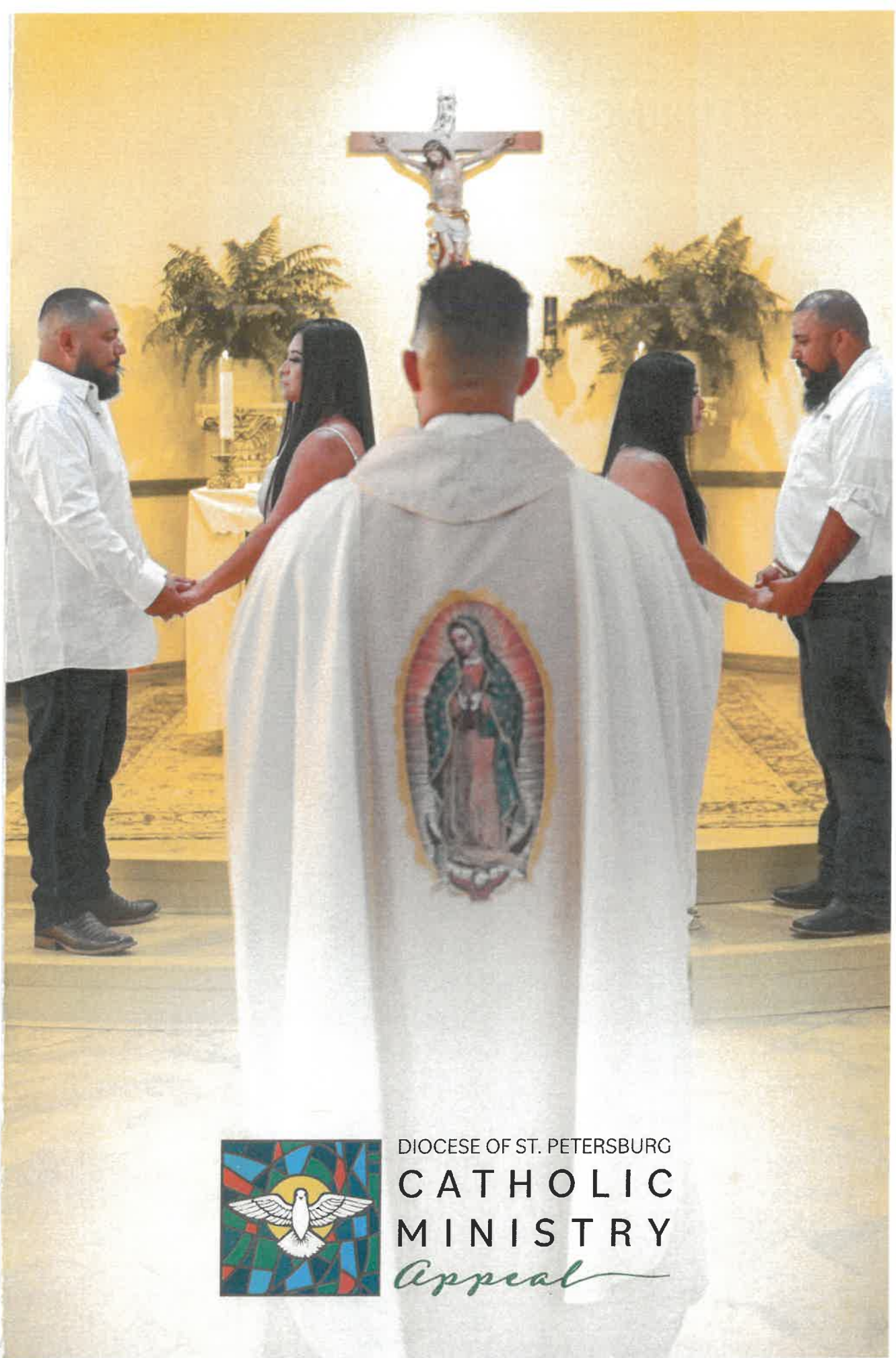
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WORLD YOUTH DAY

The *Ministry to Youth and Young Adults* pilgrimage to World Youth Day began on July 28, 2023. After three years of planning and financial support from generous sponsors and donors, college students, seminarians, youth ministers, diocesan staff, priests, parents, and adults from various parishes joined over one-million pilgrims as they encountered God, and like Mary, *"arose and went with haste."* (Lk 1:39).



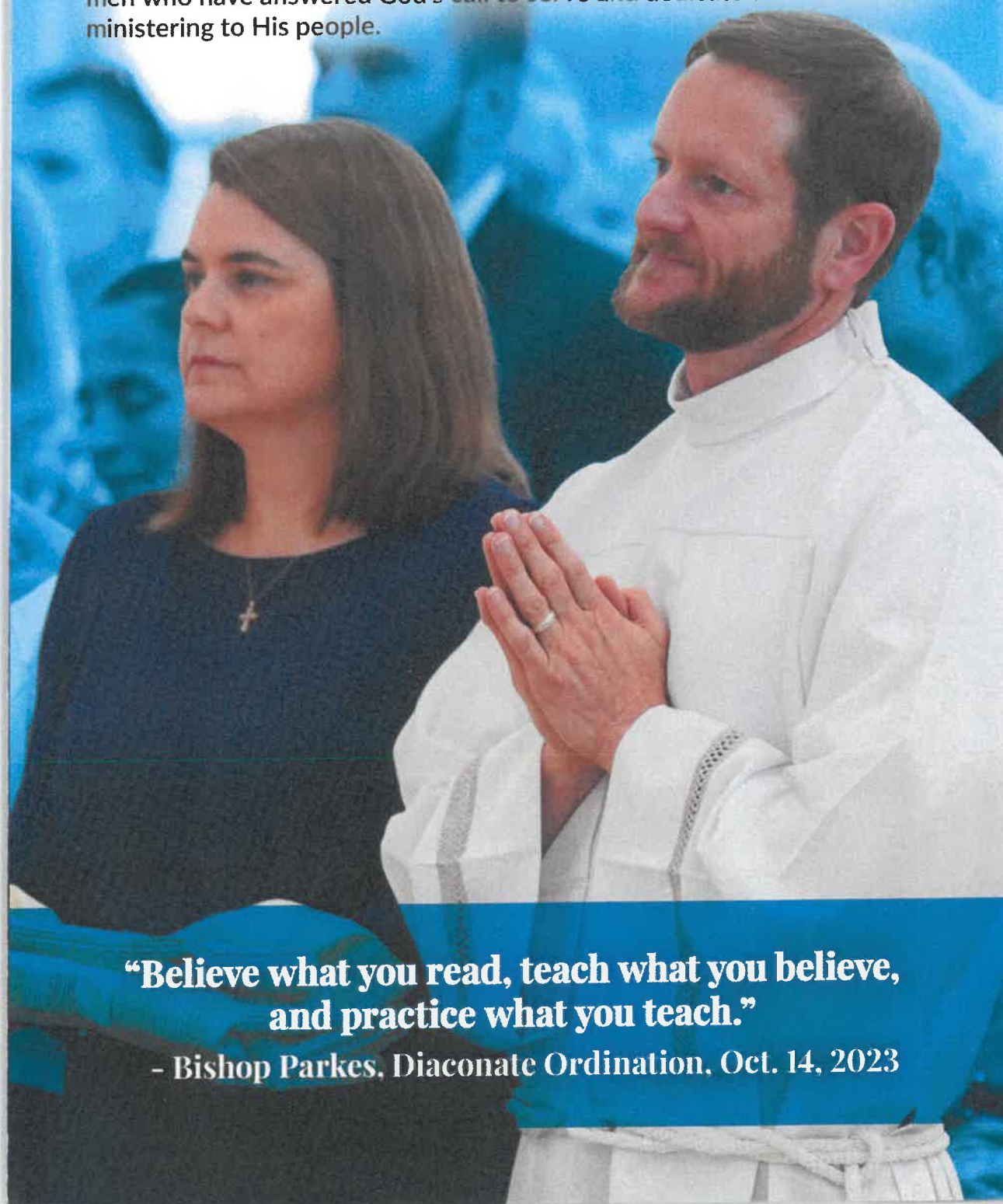
**"In the art of climbing the mountain,
what matters isn't not to fall, but not to remain fallen."**

- Pope Francis, World Youth Day Vigil, Aug. 4, 2023

EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

DIACONATE ORDINATION

The *Office of the Diaconate* supports individuals in their discernment process as they embark on a five-year journey of formation, marked by rigorous study and discernment, which actively engages their entire families. In 2023, this transformative experience has led to the heartfelt commitment of **eight** men who have answered God's call to serve and dedicate themselves to ministering to His people.



**“Believe what you read, teach what you believe,
and practice what you teach.”**

- Bishop Parkes, Diaconate Ordination, Oct. 14, 2023

ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

EUCCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Our *Missionary Discipleship Ministry* and other diocesan and parish ministry leaders supported more than 700 people on their spiritual journey to further deepen their love of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Being missionary disciples means being active witnesses that Christ is alive and at work with us today and everyday thereafter.



**“Jesus allowed himself to be broken on the cross,
to be broken in the Holy Eucharist...He’s one with
us, even in the midst of our brokenness.”**

- Mother Olga, Eucharistic Encounter, Sept. 16, 2023

TOGETHER WE PRAY

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings,
O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son,
Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts
to care for all our brothers and sisters,
especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make,
the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ
through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

We pray that your grace, O Lord,
will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today.

Amen

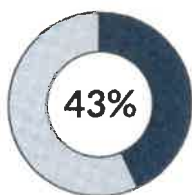


OUR GOAL \$9MILLION

Our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* allows us to extend the reach of our faith beyond the walls of ourselves and our individual parishes. The impact we have in our community is all thanks to the kindness, grace, and generosity of our diocesan family. The power of unity and sacrifice can lead to remarkable achievements beyond our imagination. *"When we come together, our selfless actions can do things we never thought possible,"* said Bishop Parkes.

Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, we served 214,189 meals and sheltered 1,552 clients through Catholic Charities; have six new seminarians studying for the priesthood; ordained eight men as permanent deacons; and held three visioning and implementation events. Together we are:

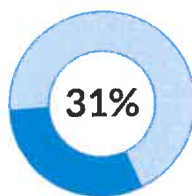
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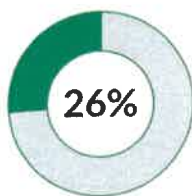
EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE



includes...

- Diaconate Program & Formation
- Seminarian Education & Support, & Promotion of Vocations
- Vicar for Religious
- and many more

ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



includes...

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- Safe Environment Program
- and many more

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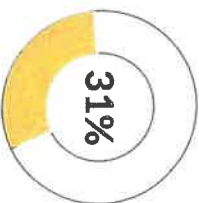


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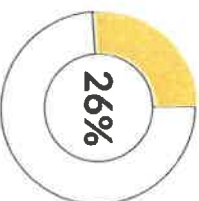
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