

Programs + Ministries

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is a diocesan-wide campaign that supports the mission of the Catholic Church locally, regionally and globally. The CSA covers 70% of the Diocese of Gaylord's annual operational budget, impacting thousands of families each year. Your gift to the CSA helps fulfill our Catholic mission by making the following essential ministries possible.



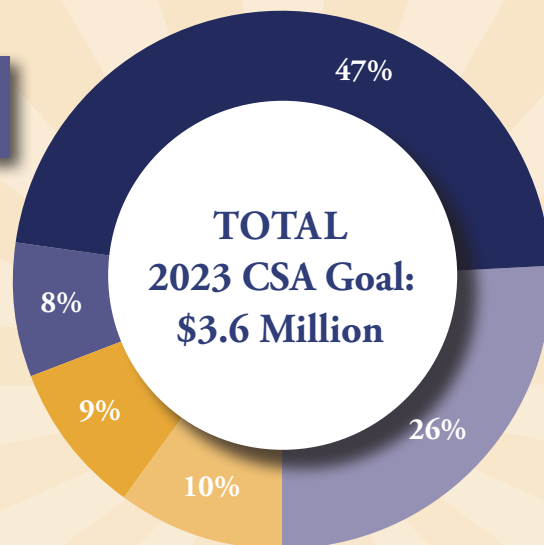
Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable - \$294,952

- Catholic Human Services
- Healing Retreats for Those Affected by Abortion
- National Collections for Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America



Clergy and Pastoral Support - \$333,561

- Vocations and Seminarian Education
- Pastoral Support of Clergy
- Formation of Deacons



Faith Formation \$367,626

- Catholic Schools Administration
- Faith Formation Office
- Local Retreat Centers
- Catholic University of America Scholarships

Diocesan and Parish Support - \$1,676,509

- Parish and Diocesan Financial Services
- Marriage Tribunal
- Information Technology Support
- Human Resources Services
- Development and Stewardship Services



Proclaiming the Gospel - \$925,403

- Bishop's Communications and Outreach
- Worship and Liturgy Office
- FAITH Magazine and Televised Mass for Homebound
- St. Mary Cathedral
- Hispanic and Native American Apostolates

For a complete list of ministries supported by the CSA, visit DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23

HOW DOES MY CSA GIFT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

2 EASY WAYS TO GIVE

Your CSA gift makes all the difference to the diocese, your parish and Catholic community.



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CSA 2023

**THE SOURCE
& SUMMIT**

A special message from
Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

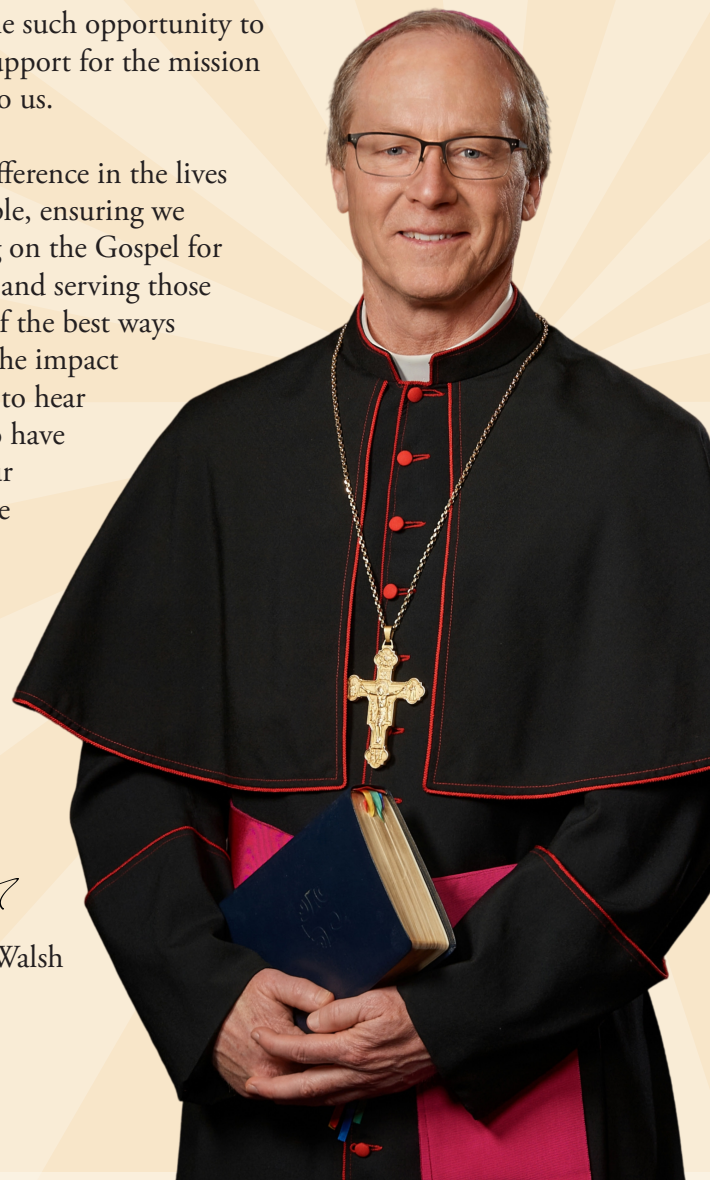
During this time of Eucharistic Revival, the 2023 CSA theme, The Source & Summit, reminds us that the grace we receive from Jesus is meant to be shared with others. The Catholic Services Appeal is one such opportunity to share our love and support for the mission our Lord entrusted to us.

The CSA makes a difference in the lives of thousands of people, ensuring we can continue passing on the Gospel for generations to come and serving those most in need. One of the best ways to fully understand the impact of your generosity is to hear from the people who have been touched by your support. Through the stories provided, it's easy to realize how our prayers and financial support are a simple, yet profound, way to love our neighbor.

In Christ our Life!

Jeffrey J. Walsh

Most Rev. Jeffrey J. Walsh
Bishop of Gaylord



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS



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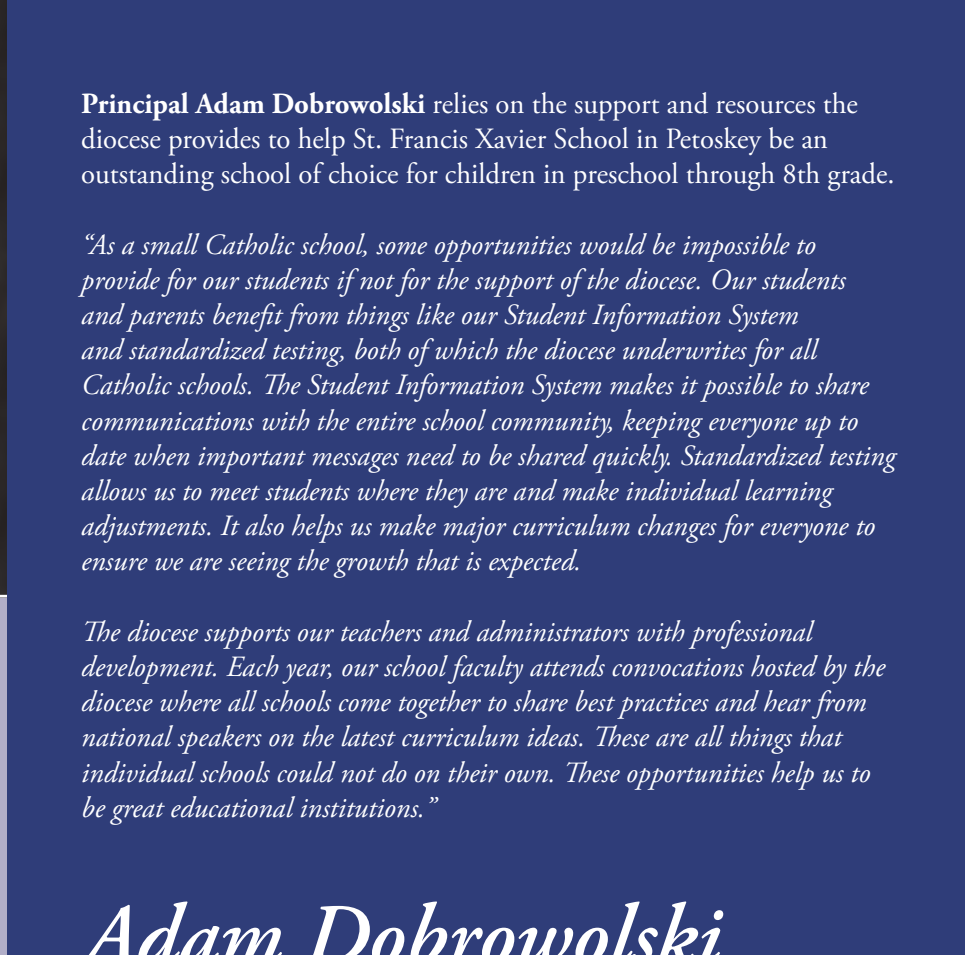
Julia Bushong

When she faced one of the most difficult times in her life, **Julia Bushong** found hope and healing through the work of Catholic Human Services (CHS). Providing vital services to families in all 21 counties of the diocese, CHS is supported in part by the annual CSA campaign.

"Catholic Human Services helped give me my life back in so many ways. I was experiencing a crisis so painful there didn't seem to be light at the end of the tunnel. I was in such a dark place that even simple things like buying groceries had become impossible.

Thankfully, I was connected with Catholic Human Services and began receiving counseling and trauma therapy. During the crisis I faced, my world broke in a way that I felt could never be repaired. Things had happened that made me feel worthless. But through therapy, I began to see a way forward. They helped me change my perspective on relationships and to truly understand my self-worth. My therapist cared about me, really cared about me and my healing. The power of that kind of love is why I'm here today and feel so strongly about the help they offer.

I feel rescued now in so many ways. I'm a total advocate of CHS and the support our diocese provides them. I truly believe their services can be lifesaving for a person. I feel like the strongest relationship I've had with God was during this time of trauma and healing. I felt like He was right there with me. CHS helped me recognize what's most important in my life – my faith and my children."



Principal Adam Dobrowolski relies on the support and resources the diocese provides to help St. Francis Xavier School in Petoskey be an outstanding school of choice for children in preschool through 8th grade.

"As a small Catholic school, some opportunities would be impossible to provide for our students if not for the support of the diocese. Our students and parents benefit from things like our Student Information System and standardized testing, both of which the diocese underwrites for all Catholic schools. The Student Information System makes it possible to share communications with the entire school community, keeping everyone up to date when important messages need to be shared quickly. Standardized testing allows us to meet students where they are and make individual learning adjustments. It also helps us make major curriculum changes for everyone to ensure we are seeing the growth that is expected.

The diocese supports our teachers and administrators with professional development. Each year, our school faculty attends convocations hosted by the diocese where all schools come together to share best practices and hear from national speakers on the latest curriculum ideas. These are all things that individual schools could not do on their own. These opportunities help us to be great educational institutions."

Adam Dobrowolski



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Genevieve MacRAE

Genevieve MacRAE loves to serve as parish secretary and bookkeeper for St. Ann in Frankfort, a position she's had for nearly six months. Recently, she took on a new volunteer role as an assistant to the parish's youth minister, and she was looking for instruction on how to best reach and interact with youth in her Catholic parish. Genevieve attended Catechist Day, a free training and certification program for parish catechists and youth ministers, organized by the diocese's Faith Formation team and supported by CSA funds.

"Attending these classes taught me how to reach the youth – both in messaging and activities. At St. Ann's, we have kids between 6 and 18 years old in our youth group. So, we need to vary the way we present ideas and change the hands-on activities based on age. These classes gave me the tools and knowledge to reach our youth, helping to pass on our faith. I'm thankful to be better equipped in teaching young Catholics how to carry out our mission."



To watch a video with more impact stories, visit DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23