



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025



*Sweeten Your Day While Making a Difference*



Photos by **Pat Defiesta**

Parishioners at St. John the Baptist picked up a jar (or two!) of delicious raspberry jam - free with any donation. Each jar was lovingly homemade by **Al and Rita Myers**, who have generously continued this tradition for the past five years. Every contribution supports the vital work of St. Vincent de Paul, providing assistance to those in need within our community. Your generosity turns a simple treat into a meaningful act of kindness.





## Our Mission

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.  
-Ephesians 4:1-6

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name!  
Grow in God's Time!  
Go in God's Spirit!

## Mass Times & Confessions

(check weekly schedules inside for holiday times and weekly changes to Mass)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p

### **Sunday Masses**

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish  
2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)  
8:00p Spanish

### **Weekday Masses** (in chapel):

Monday 9:00a  
Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a  
(Spanish Mass on Wednesday at 7:00p)

### **Confessions:**

Saturday 3:00p to 4:30p (Main church)  
Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:30p

### **Sunday Masses:**

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a  
Thursday at 6:30p  
1st Friday Spanish 7:30p

### **Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hours:**

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

### **Confessions:**

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

## Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p  
Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p  
Sunday & Monday - Closed

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



**Please call 253-859-0444 for times**

### **Sunday**

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)  
Franciscan Companions  
Swahili Community - Celebration for Fr. Crispin  
Centro Rendu  
Rosary (Spanish)  
Registration for Sacramental Prep, Confirmation, OCIA

### **Monday**

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)  
Food Pantry  
Small Christian Community  
Grupo de Oración  
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

### **Tuesday**

Food Pantry  
Adult Confirmation  
Small Christian Community  
English Classes for Spanish Speakers  
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish)  
Terrific Tuesday Meals  
Mother Mary Guild

### **Wednesday**

Young Adult Group (Spanish)  
Knights Council  
Altar Server Practice (Spanish)  
Bible Study (Spanish)  
RCIA/OCIA

### **Thursday**

Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)  
Holy Hour for Vocations  
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)  
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)  
Small Christian Communities  
Mujeres de Fe

### **Friday**

Grupo de Oración  
Bible Study Communities  
Baptism Prep (Spanish)  
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)

### **Saturday**

Swahili Community  
Registration for Sacramental Prep, Confirmation, OCIA  
Choir Rehearsal (7pm Spanish)  
Small Christian Communities



### **Sunday, August 24**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Blood pressure check after am Masses  
**Father Crispin's 35th Anniversary Party**  
in between Masses  
**Mass - 11:30 am**  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**

### **Monday, August 25**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Spanish Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, August 26**

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, August 27**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Divine Will Prayer Group - 10:00 am  
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, August 28**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am  
La Hora Santa - 3:00 pm  
**Mass - 6:30 pm**  
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
OCIA Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

### **Friday, August 29**

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Yard Sale Team Dinner - 6:00 pm  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, August 30**

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**



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those who are **sick**:

**Mary Grizzle, Faye Driessen**

and those who have **died**:

**Connie O'Campo** (mother of *Lou Villalba*)

**Jerry Schmelzer** (husband of *Martha Schmelzer*)

**Fernando Villalba** (father of *Lou Villalba*)

## Thank You for Making “Free Homemade Jam” a Sweet Success!

The members of the *St. Vincent de Paul* Ministry are filled with gratitude and joy as they reflect on the overwhelming success of their recent event, “Free Homemade Jam.” What began as a labor of love by **Al & Rita Myers** blossomed into a beautiful expression of community generosity and support.

**Al & Rita** lovingly prepared and displayed 240 jars of homemade jam, which were all “sold out” by the 11:30 a.m. Mass! Thanks to your incredible generosity, **the event raised \$1,597.60** - enough to provide rent or utility assistance for three families, or supply 29 bags of food, hygiene products, or cleaning supplies to those in need in our local community. Every dollar will be spent to help our neighbors in need!

To everyone who came, contributed, or helped “spread” the word: **thank you!** Your support and participation are a true reflection of the warmth, compassion, and generosity that make St. John the Baptist so special.

## Holding a Church Key? It's Time for a Quick Check-In!



Do you have a church key that has been assigned to you? If so, please read on.

With our new key system now in place, the church staff is asking that any unused keys be returned to the office. You can drop the key in the mail slot by the office window, but please be sure to **place it in an envelope with your name on it**.

Entry codes have already been assigned for those that have a need to enter the buildings outside of office hours. If you have not gotten your code or if your code does not work, please notify the office.

If you have a key that has been checked out to you and you still need access to locked doors within the buildings, please email the office at [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org), so your key agreement can be updated and keep your “key status” current. The key can be used to access doors within the buildings.

Thank you in advance for your help.

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Program Details & Registration Info

Online registration ([click here](#)) is now open for **2025-2026 Faith Formation Program**, which begins the week of September 28. The following will meet in the McMullen Center classrooms:

- Pre-K to Grade 4 on Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am
- Grades 5 to 8 on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The following will meet in the Hall at Holy Spirit:

- Grades 9 to 12 on Mondays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation & OCIA) will happen over a two-year period. The first year is a foundational, comprehensive, and community-building year in the age-appropriate program. The second year is a continuation in those programs. For more information, contact **Joan Williamson** at the St. John the Baptist office.

If you need assistance with the fees, please call **Joan Williamson**. For those who may need it, there are scholarships available, or you can make payments throughout the year as you are able. Never let money prevent you from participating in Faith Formation. We look forward to our year together!



## Job Opening Parish Facilities Supervisor – Leadership & Maintenance Role

Family 30 is looking for a full-time **Facilities and Grounds Supervisor** to direct the maintenance and care of all of the buildings and property at St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit. This person will oversee the work of our facilities stewards and will also be responsible for planning, record-keeping, security, and contractor oversight. Additionally, this person should be willing to get their hands dirty and work with volunteers and staff to ensure that everything is working smoothly.

**Some** of the required qualifications include:

- Proficient in English and Spanish;
- Has 5+ years experience in maintenance and repair of commercial and/or household systems;
- Has a current drivers license;
- Has a reliable vehicle.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please contact **Kathy Wickward** at St. John the Baptist (x101 or [kathyw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:kathyw@sjtbcc.org)) or **Kristi Vasquez** at Holy Spirit (x221 or [kvasquez@holyspiritkent.org](mailto:kvasquez@holyspiritkent.org)) to get a full job description and application.





## Your "Why" Shapes Our Future

Over the past weeks, you've added words and phrases to our posters describing what you love about St. John the Baptist—the what.

Now it's time to share your why. Why does this parish feel like home? Why is the music or ministries meaningful to you? Why do you feel called to grow in faith here?

Your reflections matter—they will directly help guide how St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit in Kent work together to form Parish Family 30.

After Mass this weekend, you can:

- Write your response on a paper form.
- [Submit your thoughts online.](#)
- Speak with a friendly scribe who will write it down for you.



Together, we're shaping the future of our parish family—your voice helps us discover who we are and who God is calling us to become.

## Test Your Mass Awareness



Last week's question was, "The Mass can be divided into two main parts - can you name each part?" Answer: **The Liturgy of the Word** (Scripture readings, Responsorial Psalm, homily, the Creed, and the General Intercessions) and **The Liturgy of the Eucharist** (preparation of the gifts, consecration, and Communion). The Liturgy of the Word is where God speaks to us. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is where we encounter Calvary (the re-presentation of the sacrifice of the cross)<sup>1</sup>, where heaven comes to us. Here, we are united with our Lord Jesus and with one another as the Body of Christ in the act of Communion<sup>2</sup>.

There are two other parts of the Mass: the Introductory Rites (greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria, and opening prayer) and the Concluding Rites (blessing and dismissal). These Rites frame the two central parts of the Mass, with the Concluding Rite sending us out to live the Gospel in our daily lives.

Thanks to all who participated in answering last week's question correctly: **Frank Hammock, Mary Hammock, Moselle Horiuchi, Ben Lee, and Rita Rydberg**. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This week's question is, "What does the ringing of the bells during Mass mean?" If you think you know the answer, email Pat before Wednesday at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org). (Be honest and don't Google the answer!) Names of those who answer correctly will be published in the next edition of the bulletin.

Thanks to Moselle Horiuchi, who submitted this week's question. If you would like to submit a question to test everyone's Mass awareness, please email your question to **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org) before Wednesday.

<sup>1</sup>Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 1366

<sup>2</sup>[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](http://www.usccb.org)

## Share a Meal, Share a Story Supper Club Is Back!

The next round of *Supper Club* kicks off soon! Gather in small groups to share meals, stories, and laughter with fellow parishioners. Groups will meet September through November.

There are several ways to sign up. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#). You can also scan the QR code and fill out the form. And for those who would rather sign up with a pen or pencil, there are paper forms available in the narthex. Whichever way you feel most comfortable with, please sign up soon, so the *Supper Club* team can put the schedule together in time for fall.



## Don't Blink:

### The Next Big Things Are coming

- Don't forget to bring along your statue or icon of Mary for Father Crispin to bless at the **9:00 am or 11:30 am Mass this weekend**. We will be having a breakfast for him between the morning Masses.
- On the weekend of **September 6 & 7**, we will be joined by two representatives of the non-profit **SERES** (Social Equity, Resilience, and Ecological Sustainability) from Guatemala. They will speak at all of the Masses at St. John the Baptist and most Masses at Holy Spirit. **SERES** is an organization that is helping the young people in our sister parish, Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi near San Marcos, Guatemala.
- Were you involved in past synodal sessions as a facilitator or scribe? Our next task in Partners in the Gospel will be to discern our opportunities and challenges as our two parishes become one. We will offer a training for facilitators on **Tuesday, September 9**, and will hold synodal sessions in late September and early October. Please watch your inbox for more information!
- The Creation Care team is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Elk Run Farm and Soos Creek Botanical Garden on **Saturday, September 13**. Watch for posters and more information to come.

## Ready for Some Football and Pizza



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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,  
and I come to gather nations of every language;  
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

### Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

### Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
(Heb 12:12-13)

### Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

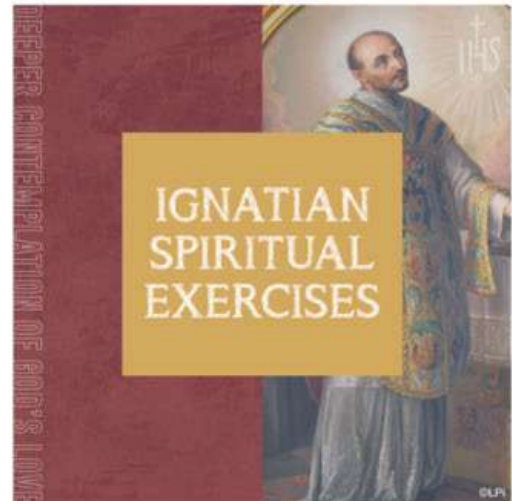
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"  
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will  
not be strong enough." So let us never be  
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.  
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if  
we ask for help.

## Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,  
Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Monica  
**Wednesday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
**Friday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
**Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

## Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,  
Guide me through the  
narrow gate. Remove from  
me anything that distracts  
me from You, Your love, Your  
invitation, Your mission. Keep  
me close to You, familiar at  
every step.  
Amen.

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# "What Are Our Gifts?"

We're celebrating the gifts of our parish family as part of the Partners in the Gospel process. Your answers will help St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit see the gifts each parish brings and how they can work together to form Parish Family 30. Please share your answers in the spaces below, you may continue on the back if needed. *Thank you for sharing your thoughts!*

## 1. What do you love about St. John the Baptist, past and present, and why is it important to you?

*Think about all parts of parish life—ministries, programs, outreach, activities, events, or other things that have made this parish special over the years and today. Why do these things matter to you? How do they help you feel connected or inspired?*

## 2. What makes St. John the Baptist your spiritual home, past and present, and why is that meaningful?

*Think about what has nourished your faith and spirit over the years and continues to do so today. This could include friendships, volunteer opportunities, spiritual support, traditions, worship, liturgy, or special memories. Why do these things make St. John's a place where you feel nurtured and at home spiritually?*

*Optional Contact Information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please contact me about my answers.



Scan the QR code to enter your response online

# 2025 Family 30 Fall Parish Mission

## “Peace Be With You”

*In today's world of noise, stress, and division, you are invited to experience three unforgettable evenings centered on the life-changing gift of Christ's peace.*

### **Night One – Peace in Your Heart**

*Discover how God's love can calm your worries and restore your spirit.*

### **Night Two – Peace in Your Home**

*Learn how forgiveness and faith can heal families and strengthen relationships.*

### **Night Three – Peace in Our World**

*Be inspired to live as a peacemaker, bringing Christ's light into a world longing for hope.*

***Come as you are. Leave filled with peace.***

## **Presenter: Dr. Vallamar Jansen**

*With her unique blend of storytelling, music, and inspirational reflection, Dr. Vallamar Jansen will lead us on a powerful journey. Together, we witness how people shaped by Holy Scripture and the Roman Catholic tradition encounter Jesus at pivotal moments in their lives—and are forever transformed by His presence.*

*Through songs, stories, laughter, reflection, and prayer, Dr. Jansen will guide us into deeper faith, renewed hope, and the peace that only Christ can give.*

***This mission is for everyone  
children, youth, adults, and seniors.***

## **September 14, 15, & 16**

*7-8:30pm nightly*

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**Youth Track w/Fr. Carlos, Veronica & Team**  
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# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



**C**lose to 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered “home mission dioceses,” meaning that local conditions such as small, widely dispersed Catholic populations and economic hardships prevent those dioceses from operating their ministries without outside support. For example, with the smallest Catholic population in the 48 continental United States, spread across 66,800 square miles of mountainous terrain and rugged Oregon desert, the Diocese of Baker is so extensive that many parishes are a minimum of 50 miles from each other, and only one town has more than one parish.

Support provided to the diocese from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal covered the cost of having a priest in residence for two rural parishes.

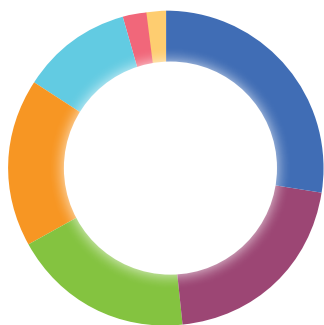
Without this support, more than 400 parishioners would not be able to receive the sacraments regularly. The work of Catholic Home Missions in the diocese extends beyond such basic support to includes its family life enhancement program, which helps parishes overcome the isolation that families experienced during the pandemic, isolation that has become an ongoing challenge in rural communities.

You can make a positive impact in the lives of Catholics in the Diocese of Baker and other home mission dioceses across the United States and its current and former territories by supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. For more information about Catholic Home Missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://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 lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home mission dioceses.

## CHMA FINANCIALS 2023



### Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,399,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,030,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$1,840,000
• Special Grants*	\$995,825
• Cultural Ministries**	\$955,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$125,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person***	\$125,000

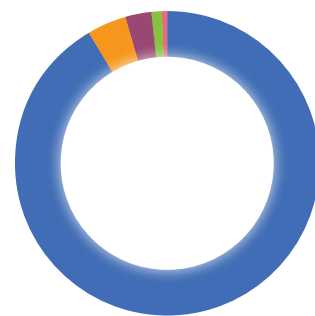
**Total: \$8,469,825**

\* Special Grants: New Bishop Installation Support: \$90,000; Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities: \$905,825.

Total: \$995,825.

\*\* Including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries.

\*\*\* Including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities.



• Grants and Donations	\$8,469,892
• Program Costs	\$479,626
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$375,914
• Administrative Expenses	\$103,543
• Allocations – Internal Grants	\$31,999

**Total Expenses: \$9,487,974**



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# FORTALECIENDO LA IGLESIA AQUÍ



**C**erca del 40% de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos y sus territorios, tanto presentes como antiguos, es considerado como una “diócesis misionera”, lo que significa que las condiciones del lugar, tal como poblaciones católicas, pequeñas y muy dispersas y dificultades económicas, no les permiten realizar sus ministerios sin una ayuda externa. Por ejemplo, con la población católica más pequeña en los 48 estados continentales del país y extendida a través de 66,800 millas cuadradas en los terrenos montañosos y escarpados del desierto de Oregón, la Diócesis de Baker es tan extensa que muchas parroquias están, como mínimo, a 50 millas de distancia entre ellas y solo uno de los pueblos cuenta con más de una parroquia.

Gracias a los fondos proporcionados por el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas, la diócesis ha podido cubrir los costos para que dos parroquias

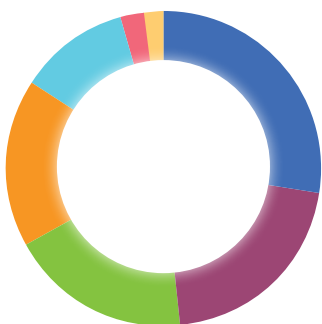
rurales puedan contar con un sacerdote en residencia. Sin este apoyo, más de 400 feligreses no hubiesen podido recibir los sacramentos en forma regular. La labor de las Misiones Católicas en la diócesis se extiende más allá de un apoyo básico, incluyendo su programa de mejoramiento de la vida familiar, el cual ayuda a las parroquias a sobrellevar el aislamiento que las familias sufrieron durante la pandemia, un aislamiento que se ha convertido en un continuo reto en las comunidades rurales.

Ustedes pueden efectuar un impacto positivo en la vida de católicos en la Diócesis de Baker y en otras misiones católicas en los Estados Unidos y en sus territorios, tanto presentes como antiguos, al brindar su apoyo al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Para informarse más acerca de las Misiones Católicas, visiten [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## ¿Qué es una diócesis misionera??

Las diócesis misioneras son aquellas diócesis en los Estados Unidos, sus territorios y antiguos territorios que no pueden proporcionar los servicios pastorales básicos sin recibir una ayuda externa. Los servicios pastorales básicos incluyen la Misa, los sacramentos, la educación religiosa y la capacitación en el ministerio para sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosas y personas laicas. Casi el 40% de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos y sus territorios es considerado territorio de diócesis misioneras.

## DATOS FINANCIEROS DE CHMA 2023



### Totales por área de programa

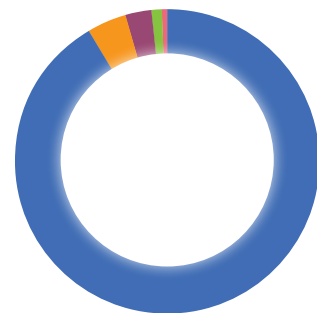
• Asistencia a diócesis y parroquias	\$2,399,000
• Formación en la fe	\$2,030,000
• Vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa	\$1,840,000
• Subvenciones especiales*	\$995,825
• Ministerios culturales**	\$955,000
• Fortaleciendo el matrimonio y la vida familiar	\$125,000
• La vida y la dignidad de la persona humana***	\$125,000

**Total: \$8,469,825**

\* Subvenciones especiales: Apoyo para la instalación de un nuevo obispo: \$90,000 Oportunidades para el desarrollo profesional en la diócesis: \$905,825, Total: \$995,825.

\*\* Incluyendo al ministerio hispano y a otros ministerios étnicos y culturales.

\*\*\* Incluyendo a los ministerios en prisiones y ministerios para personas con discapacidades.



• Subvenciones y donaciones	\$8,496,892
• Costos del programa	\$479,626
• Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$375,914
• Gastos administrativos	\$103,543
• Asignaciones—subvenciones internas	\$31,999

**Total de gastos: \$9,487,974**



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