

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), formerly the Archdiocesan Annual Fund Drive, is an annual effort by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to spread the Gospel through informing and engaging the faithful with important regional ministries that benefit thousands of people throughout nineteen counties in western and southwestern Ohio. We invite you to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to participate in the life of our local church through these ministries.

CHAPLAINS FOR HOSPITALS AND PRISONS

Give thanks for God's healing and reconciling love by supporting the work of chaplains who minister to those in our jails, prisons, and non-Catholic hospitals. Your gift to the CMA sends light and hope into more than 50 institutions at some of life's darkest and loneliest times.

This is just one of the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To find out more, visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

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Everywhere**

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CHAPLAINS: THE GIFT OF PRESENCE

Anne Petratis is a hospital chaplain for several Dayton area hospitals. She shared this experience about her ministry:

“Not long ago I met a young pregnant woman who had a serious diagnosis. She was in the RCIA process, married and the mother of three. She's been through almost everything possible: the birth of a baby, many rounds of chemo, surgeries, and joining the Church.

“In that time, I've come to know and love her parents, her kids and husband and many extended family members and friends. It is amazing to see how deeply one person can touch your heart and life.”

The presence of Anne as a hospital chaplain to this young woman and her family at a time of need is a sharing of the presence of Christ himself. No matter when or how the ongoing debate over healthcare is resolved, one thing remains constant: Without the presence of hospital chaplains like Anne, many lives would go untouched. Your financial gift makes our chaplains available to thousands of people throughout our region.