

ANNUAL CATHOLIC

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APPEAL

The Goal: \$3,625,000

Division of Bishops Ministries

EXPENSES	INCOME	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$594,523	\$88,000	\$506,523

Bishop Matthew Clark carries out his ministry to the people of the Diocese of Rochester in many varied ways which he calls "SIGNS OF HOPE".

He reaches out to people through his visits to prisons, nursing homes, and hospitals.

He cherishes the moments he can spend with the young of the diocese during a visitation to a school, or while administering the sacrament of Confirmation, and especially during the excitement of his Annual Youth Day activities. "The diocese," says Bishop Clark, "is deeply blessed in our young people. We need to give them the very best our tradition of faith has to offer."

Bishop Clark reaches out to his people through the RCIA program in which folks participate as part of their journey along the road to fully embrace the faith.

Bishop Clark sees the ordinations he performs, the religious professions in which he participates, his work with the many different groups of people in the diocese as ways to "serve the growth of others by reminding them of God's care for them, of their own worth and dignity, of the unique and irreplaceable contribution each makes in extending the compassion of God in our own time and place."

The Bishop is called beyond the geographical boundaries of

of our diocese to visit Brazil and Chile, Bolivia, the diocese of Tobasco, Mexico, Selma, Alabama where priests, sisters, and lay people of our diocese are serving in missionary efforts.

Bishop Clark has visited several of our sister dioceses in the country to deliver major addresses on the vital subjects of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and priestly formation. He is serving on national committees concerned with women religious and priestly formation.

He serves with brother Bishops from other dioceses on national committees that issued the Bishops' Peace Pastoral and that is formulating the forthcoming Pastoral on Women in the Church.

Justice and peace are vital areas that Bishop Clark feels called to speak out on often.

The Tribunal, following Bishop Clark's directive, provides a healing resolution in the many marital cases brought before it each year.

Bishop Clark works with a wide variety of dedicated priests, religious and lay people who serve in our local church.

His primary concern always is that his ministry be one of action, of healing, of teaching, of comforting, of showing compassion, a ministry of love.

