

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



Close 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.

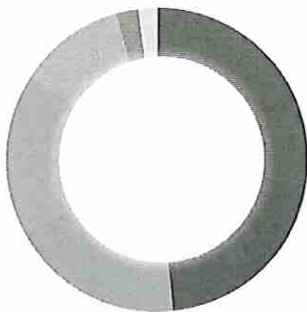
Without this support, more than 400 parishioners would not be able to receive the sacraments regularly. The work of Catholic Home Missions in the diocese extends beyond such basic support to include its family life enhancement program, which helps parishes overcome the isolation that families experienced 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

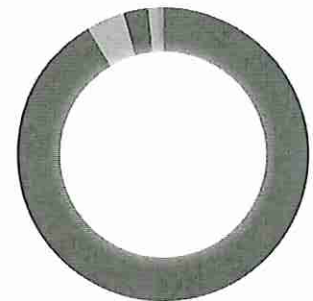
• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,399,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,030,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$1,840,000
• Special Grants*	\$995,825
• Cultural Ministries**	\$955,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$125,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person***	\$125,000

**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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