

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

“Am I not your mother? Am I not here with you? Mary says this to us again. Go and build my shrine, help me to lift up the lives of my sons and daughters, who are your brothers and sisters.”

—Pope Francis, Mass at Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, February 2016



The Diocese of Knoxville in eastern Tennessee is a largely rural diocese that bears the face of the rural poor. The Hispanic population has more than doubled in the last few years and poverty disproportionately affects this community.

Through your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), the diocese is expanding its Hispanic ministry programs. With your contributions, it is distributing prayer cards, providing Hispanic leadership training and faith formation, and increasing the number of parishes celebrating Mass in Spanish in order to help integrate and retain this population. One parish only held Mass monthly and attendance was a low 20-50 people, but staff recognized the large Hispanic community there and the need

for a Spanish Mass. A priest travels 60 miles each Sunday to celebrate Mass in Spanish, and attendance has nearly doubled.

In another part of the country, in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in Montana, 99 parishes and missions are spread over 90,000 square miles. Many priests in the diocese serve multiple parishes, and some serve up to five! Many parishes cannot meet the financial obligations of having a full-time priest, and communities often feel disconnected from the larger Church. With your support of CHMA, the diocese ensures that priests can make the necessary travel to serve their flocks and that parishes can keep their doors open. The support from this appeal has touched the people in this diocese and allowed them to keep their

faith communities active and connected to the universal Church.

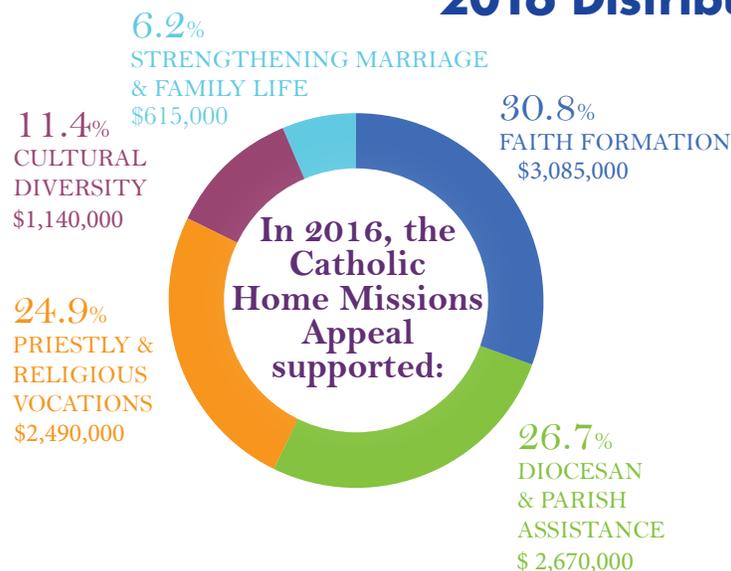
Support CHMA and lift up the lives—and faith—of our brothers and sisters around the country.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses are considered home missions.

For more information about the Catholic Home Missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

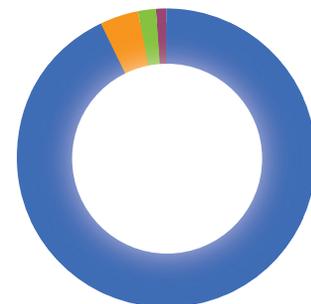
2016 Distribution of Funding



Expenses

• Grants and Donations:	\$10,207,679
• Program Costs:	\$487,837
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	\$239,771
• Administrative Expenses:	\$65,945

Total Expenses: \$11,001,232



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