

More than 1600 years ago, St. Augustine of Hippo asked a very powerful question:

“What does LOVE look like?”

Love, said St. Augustine, “has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.” In the Diocese of Trenton, we are those hands and feet.

Love “has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.” In the Diocese of Trenton, we are those eyes and ears.

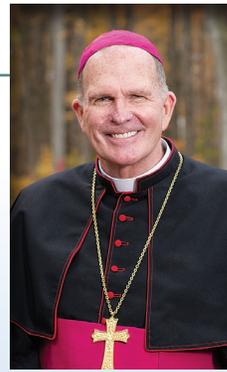
This is what LOVE looks like.

The Lord Jesus invites us to be his hands and feet, his eyes and ears in our Diocese, showing one another, especially those in need, what love looks like.

Every year, the good people of our Diocese accept the Lord Jesus’ invitation and respond so generously, as their means will allow, to support and grow the essential programs, ministries and services of our Diocese. I rely on you and ask your continued support.

Thanks so much for all you do for the good of others. God bless you.

Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M. • Bishop of Trenton



What does LOVE look like? My sisters and brothers, it looks like you.

“It’s a hard week ... but it’s such a fulfilling week. It’s a blessing. We help others, and we grow ourselves.”

- Sara, St. Barnabas Parish, Bayville

“Just knowing that God put me here to do his work is so powerful to me.”

- Brittney, St. Barnabas Parish, Bayville

Teen volunteers speak about Mission: Jersey, the weeklong service immersion experience sponsored by the Diocese in August 2017.



“The love of my life is Jesus Christ, and for 52 years, with his grace, I have responded

to his call to go wherever he wanted me to go, for as long as he’s wanted ... It’s an exciting, energizing, fulfilling life of vocation, just as marriage, just as single life. If it is your call, you are as happy as you can possibly be on this side of eternity.”

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Agnes Ryan speaks about her vocation during the Annual Convocation for Religious in October, 2017



“It was the culmination of everything I’ve been studying for and working toward for the last five or six years, and over 40 years of discernment. But it was also the beginning of a totally new kind of life. I can already see that it will impact every area of my life.”

- Newly-ordained priest, Father Michael Kennedy, reflecting on his vocation.



“We thought it would be great to come and get the Bishop’s blessing, and also celebrate a year of being married. It was really great to see all the couples who were married 25 and 50 years. It was inspiring for both of us to see that. Something for us to aspire to.”

- Vito and Erin Chiaravalloti, St. Mary Parish, Middletown, speak about the Bishop’s Anniversary Blessing Mass in October, 2017.

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Walking with Those In Need

Catholic Social Services • Providing basic needs to the poor and marginalized

Mental Health Services • Parish-based counseling

Pastoral Care • Ministry to those who are grieving or dealing with loss; Prison ministry; Parish nursing; Respect Life Ministry

Supporting Parish and Family Life

Marriage Ministry • Preparing, sustaining couples through Pre-Cana; Engaged Encounter; Convalidation education; Bishop's Anniversary Blessings

Youth and Young Adult Ministry • Training ministers; Resourcing parish youth programs; Sponsoring diocesan events and experiences for youth to grow in faith, service and a sense of community

Parish Development • Supporting parish mission, leadership and administrative efforts

Priests, Deacons and Religious

Finding and Forming Priests • Vocations recruitment efforts; Seminary preparation and support; Ongoing formation and opportunities for spiritual growth

Retired Priests • Providing healthcare, housing and other needs for retired diocesan priests

Finding and Forming Deacons • Working with potential candidates; Preparation; Ongoing formation

Support of Religious Women and Men • Serving those in consecrated life; Annual Convocation

Communications and Evangelization

Evangelization Outreach • Inviting seekers to consider the Catholic Church; Providing opportunities for a deeper experience of the faith; Outreach to Hispanic Catholic community

Communications and Media • Keeping the community informed through the diocesan website; the digital and print resources of The Monitor, the diocesan

newspaper; and the use of social media and multimedia projects, such as videos and podcasts

Education, Catechesis and Lay Formation

Catholic School Administration • Working with Catholic schools to ensure academic excellence and a sense of Catholic identity through oversight, and ongoing formation of educators and leaders

Religious Education • Working with parish religious education programs to see that children receive a firm foundation in the faith

RCIA • Coordination of formation process for those who seek to enter the Church

Adult Faith Formation • Preparing lay men and women for ministry in the parish setting; Ongoing faith enrichment opportunities

Parish Needs

Returns to Parishes • 15% of the collected goal, and 50% of any overage is returned for key parish needs

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