

From the Desk of Father Peter It Depends on All of Us

We are told or we hear every day, "We can't change the world." But as we see, the world is changing every day before our eyes. The question is...who is doing it? We are, or somebody else is making it happen.



For guidelines, we can look to Jesus Christ himself who is "the way, the truth, and the life." "The Way" of Jesus is based on love and sharing that love. It invites us to have a deep faith and a hopeful future. The theme for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is "Go Forth with Christ."

We have all received a letter from Bishop Salvatore Matano asking for our support in this year's CMA. Much of the assistance we receive from Bishop Matano, and all who diligently work at the Pastoral Center, helps to make our support of ministries around the Diocese of Rochester possible. Every dollar received from this year's appeal is used to directly or indirectly fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in our diocese.

Díd you know that the poor, the homeless, the troubled battered person, and the addicted are all assisted by the Catholic Charities to whom some of our CMA monies go?

Do you know that jail ministries, hospital and college chaplains are supported by the CMA? We all know the presence of the migrant Hispanic Community in our areas of Wayne, Ontario, and Monroe counties; they are assisted by the CMA money as we try to afford some spiritual nourishment to them. And we have some young men discerning and thinking about the priesthood. They are supported by our CMA money. I was a member of our Diocesan Vocational Awareness Committee, so I know first hand how our generosity helps to shape the future of these men.

As your pastor, I am asking, please take the time and send in your pledge. Remember to write our parish number 039 on your check so we get credit toward our parish goal. In the words of Pope Francis, we are all called to give back to God from the gifts with which he has blessed us. As your pastor, I sincerely thank you for your prayerful consideration in this regard. You then have until May 31, 2024 to complete the payment of your pledge. It depends on all of us. In striving to Go Firth with Christ, let us continue to pray for one another and for our church, as we move forward in faith.



*God Bless*, Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu