

Rooted in Faith, Radiating in Hope

2024 Bishop's United in Ministry

Impact Report



United in Ministry
...the essential service of hope

A Letter from the Bishop



Most Reverend
Peter Baldacchino
Bishop of Las Cruces

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today with a heart filled with gratitude and joy. Thanks to your faithful generosity, we have witnessed the living presence of Christ in powerful and tangible ways throughout our diocese this year.

Through your prayers, stewardship, and sacrificial giving, our parishes, ministries, and outreach programs have continued to provide *the essential services of hope*. You have helped us to:

- Provide vital support to families in need
- Strengthen the faith of our youth through dynamic catechesis and retreats
- Care for our retired priests who have served so faithfully
- Support the education of our seminarians discerning their call to the diocesan priesthood
- Extend Christ's mercy to those on the margins by visiting the sick and imprisoned, comforting the afflicted, and celebrating the Border Mass, honoring the dignity of every person

Each of these efforts tells a story of hope — of lives transformed and communities renewed — because of your generous heart. The Church depends on the hands and hearts of all her people to fulfill the mission entrusted to her by Christ.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and dedication to His Church, our Diocese, Our parishes. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

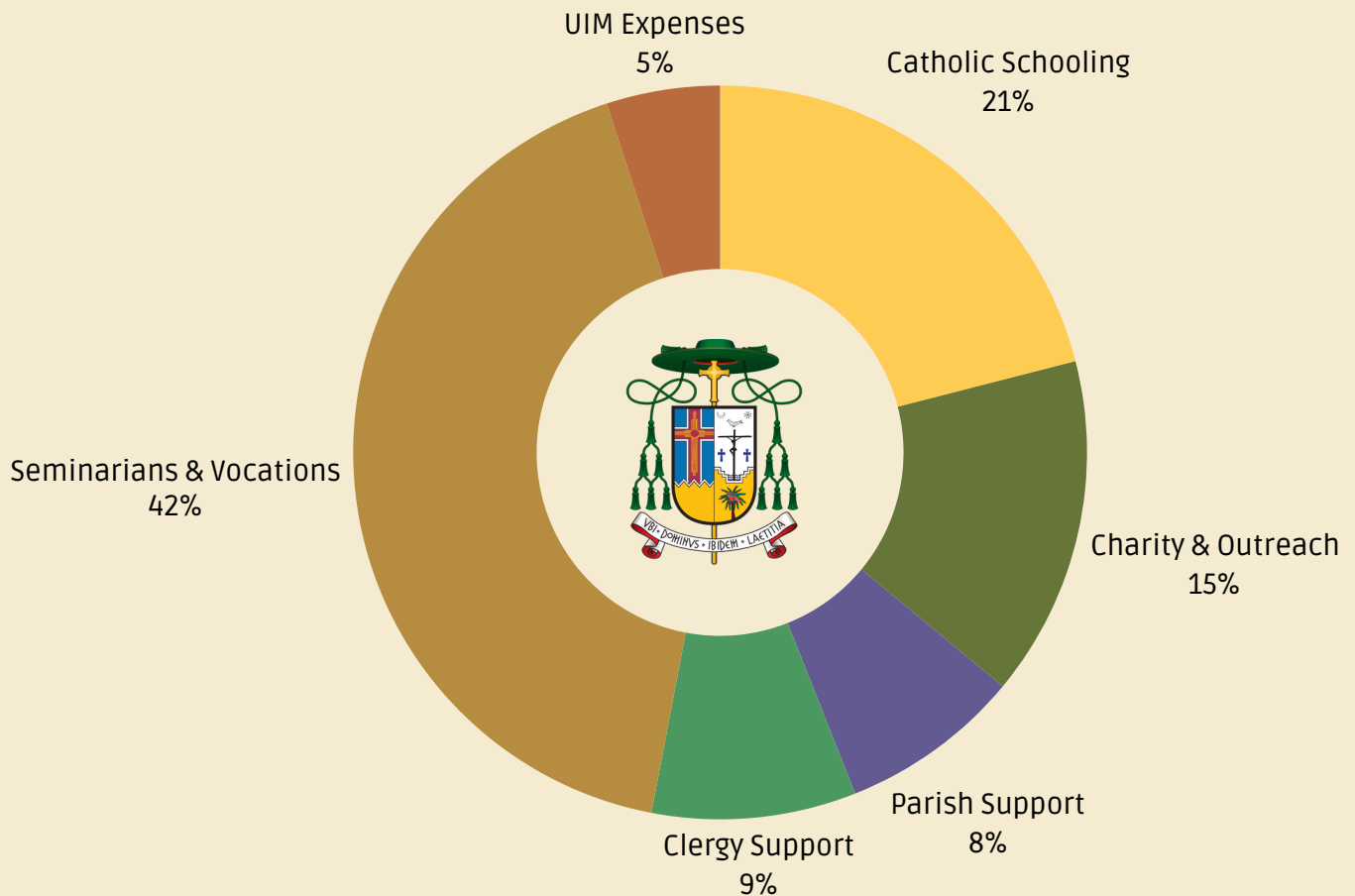
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Your Generosity in Action

We are deeply grateful to the thousands of families in our diocese who contributed to the 2024 Bishop's United in Ministry annual appeal. Because of you, we reached our goal of raising \$1.5 million to continue vital ministries — serving those in need through charity, outreach programs, nurturing the next generation through Catholic education, educating and forming future priests, continuing education for our priests and deacons through retreats, and extending the love of Christ through acts of charity and service.

Thank you for walking with us in mission. Your gift is a powerful expression of faith, hope, and love in action. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support.



Returning Funds to Parishes

What happens when a parish exceeds their UIM goal? The diocese returns to the parish 87 percent of any amount that is raised over and above the UIM parish goal. In 2024, parish rebates from the Bishop's United in Ministry appeal totaled \$521,562. These funds have been a great help to the 50 parishes and missions that received them.



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Through Faith and Love in 2024

We celebrated the following sacraments

- 1,253 Infant Baptisms
- 160 Minor Baptisms
- 56 Adult Baptisms
- 167 Receptions into Full Communion
- 1,201 First Holy Communions
- 1,286 Confirmations
- 215 Sacramental Marriages



Faithful Ministers of the Gospel and Consecrated Religious include

- 15 Active Diocesan Priests
- 21 Active Religious Order Priests
- 40 Permanent Deacons
- 19 Priests from other countries
- 1 Brother
- 45 Religious Sisters



We were blessed to serve

- 7 Retired Priests
- 568 Catholic School Students
- 8,574 students in Parishes' Religious Education programs
- Our seminarians studying for the priesthood



We stand together in Faith serving . . .

- 83 Parishes & Missions throughout the 10 counties of Southern New Mexico
- 4 Elementary Schools

