



Generations of Faith

We as a community
are alive in our faith.

2017 saw the continued success of the diocesan wide *Generations of Faith* campaign as it has moved into the pledge collection phase, due to the efforts, enthusiasm and dedication of donors across Brooklyn and Queens.

The impact of *Generations of Faith* is being felt across the Diocese. Our groundbreaking Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, organized in partnership with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis has flourished with programs in parishes in Brooklyn and Queens, working to ensure that our youth are the next generation of engaged Catholics. A wide array of capital projects are underway across our Diocese, including critical restorations, renovations and upgrades. And lastly our promise to our retired priests who have faithfully served our Catholic communities is being fulfilled. Your overwhelming generosity and that of your fellow parishioners has deeply affected the Catholic ministries of the Diocese and it is clear that this is a very exciting time for our Catholic communities in Brooklyn and Queens.



Number of
Donors
35,000



Average
Gift
\$3,659



Total
Raised
\$120 million



Total
Collected
\$63 million



Parishes actively
working on projects
that have received
disbursements
**122 Parishes,
\$17.3 million**
disbursed back to parishes



Total number of
parishes participating
in the Catholic Youth
Ministry Initiative
79 Parishes



Amount disbursed
back to the St. John
Vianney Fund and
Good Shepherd Fund
\$13 million

Your Generosity at Work

South Ozone Park, Queens



St. Teresa of Avila - St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church



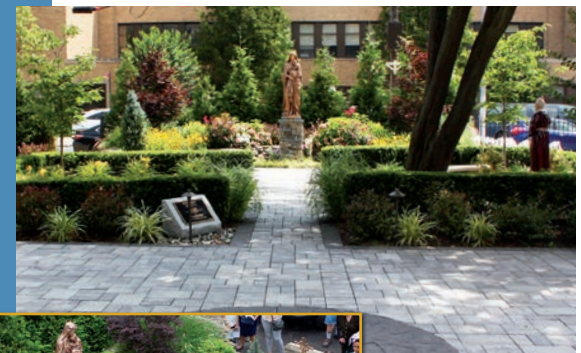
After years of needing repair, the front doors of *St. Anthony of Padua* were replaced by new doors that now welcome parishioners.



Ozone Park, Queens



St. Mary Gate of Heaven R.C. Church



A beautiful garden was built, centered around a touching statue of the Virgin Mary cradling the infant Jesus.



Sacred Hearts - St. Stephen R.C. Church



In the new entrance to the church that provides access to the elevator, there is now a coffee bar for hospitality after Mass and a stained glass window once covered, has been revealed.

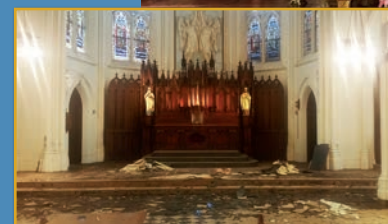


Williamsburg, Brooklyn



Divine Mercy Parish

Sanctuary at *St. Nicholas of Divine Mercy Parish* in Brooklyn. The old rug was removed. The add-on extension was removed, exposing the original wood floor from the 1800's. Original pieces of the Communion rail were reinstalled.



Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn



Spotlight on Youth Ministry



In partnership with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis Catholic Foundation launched the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative in 2011.

With the funding from the *Generations of Faith* campaign, the program has expanded dramatically - from 7 parishes to 79 - and plays a critical role in deepening the faith of our youth and ensuring the future of our parish communities in Brooklyn and Queens. Here are some examples of programs across the Diocese and what they have accomplished this year!



The Youth Group and the Girl Scouts of **Incarnation** got together at the start of Advent to create votive candles for the homebound of the parish. Eucharistic Ministers were asked to pick up the candles to bring to those they visited to give them some extra cheer for the holiday season.

Incarnation R.C. Church
Queens Village, Queens



St. Nicholas of Tolentine R.C. Church
Jamaica, Queens

The Youth of the parish helped distribute 45 Thanksgiving meals to those who receive aid from the **Parish Food Pantry**. They boxed the food the day before the distribution and helped bring the boxes to the cars or in the carts of those receiving the meals.



Youth and young adults of **St. Gerard Majella** made over 30 food and care packages for the homeless and those in need. These were handed out in the early afternoon of Thanksgiving Day.

St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church
Hollis, Queens



Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church
Howard Beach, Queens

The members of the Youth Group placing labels with notes of support and encouragement on over 3000 batteries sent to Puerto Rico for the victims of hurricane Maria. The group also raised the funds for the shipment.

Youth Minister

The *Youth Ministers* of our Diocese work tirelessly to uphold the principals of the program.

Namely to engage the youth of the Diocese and fill the pews of our churches with the next generation of Catholics, to develop the necessary foundation for teens to remain engaged in the life of the Church through adulthood, to increase the presence of youth at Mass by ministering to them, with them, and for them and to promote a call to the priesthood and religious life through a greater exposure to the work of the Church.



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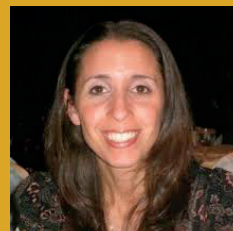


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Highlight



Rose
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Leads the Youth Ministry at Immaculate Conception (Jamaica), Incarnation (Queens Village), and St. Nicholas of Tolentine (Jamaica). Her dedication to youth ministry and the Church started at an early age.

Working in the rectory of her parish starting at the age of 13, she was influenced by the Augustinian friars who ran the church. One of the things the friars truly excelled at was understanding the different personalities of their parishioners and being able to cultivate their talents, which has inspired how she interacts with the youth in her program.

"I love when youth are empowered and they take initiative to do things to better themselves and those around them."

She believes strongly in putting the youth of our Church in leadership positions, "if you want to have a Church in the future, they must be given leadership roles. Let them serve at Mass, and not just as altar servers, let them lector and usher. The parish needs to see the youth in the *NOW* to have hope for the *FUTURE*."

Rose received her undergraduate degree in government and politics and two Master's degrees from St. John's University, in higher education administration and secondary education.

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