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Catholic Ministries Appeal

As a church, we live in community, and our community isn't just our immediate parish, it's broader. By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which makes possible for ministries such as the Institute of Lay Formation and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), we move beyond our churches and towns into the diocesan church. RCIA invites people into the church, the Institute of Lay Formation equips them for it. Both ministries help to own your faith as foundational programs to learn more, to take you from where you are to where you need to be.

Any ministry we do together strengthens our faith individually and as couples. The Institute of Lay Formation helped me discern the call to the diaconate I was sensing and gave me a solid background in theology for diaconate formation; I continue to rely on those gifts today. In the RCIA, we learn as much as through teaching it as the people participating. Our faith, our finances, everything—is a gift from God. The CMA is a way to give back and share with others. That's how God's church works; it is our whole broadening community, and the CMA is a way for each of us to give back and thus we each benefit from that.

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