

By loving God and one another we
draw people closer to Jesus.

Our actions, carried out in love,
power the mission of the Church.

Our Mission

"We, the Diocese of Marquette
united in Word and Sacrament and
in communion with the universal
Catholic Church, witness to and
proclaim the Good News of Jesus
for all people in the
Upper Peninsula of Michigan."



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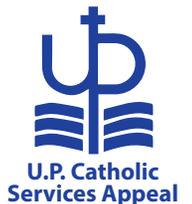
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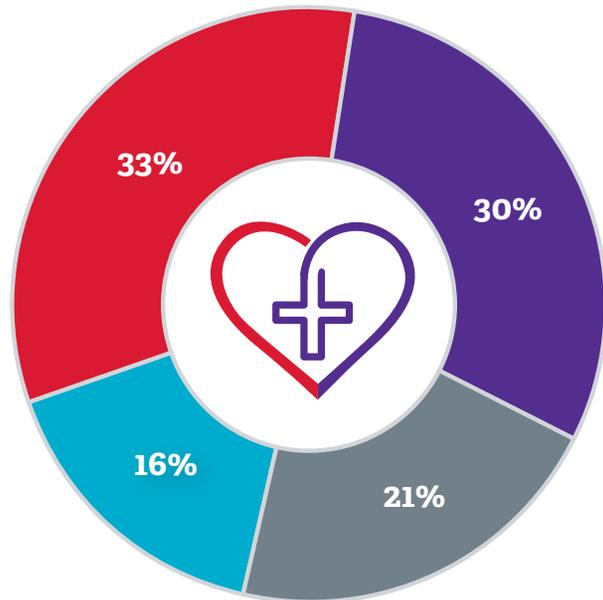


Seminarians of the diocese receive direct support from the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal. This aid helps ensure the diocese can continue to ordain new priests for our diocese, such as Rev. Timothy Ferguson (2015). He currently serves as director of Marygrove Retreat Center in Garden. Marygrove also receives direct support from UPCS.

Your support of UPCS is an act of love that powers the lives of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Ministries Supported by UPCSА



33% Faith Formation & Education

- Training for Catechetical Leaders
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Education
- Faith Formation
- Catholic Schools
- Marriage Prep
- Family Ministry
- Natural Family Planning

21% Evangelization

- Bishop's Ministry
- Marygrove Retreat Center
- Campus Ministry
- Diocesan Communication Services
- Diocesan Website and Social Media
- Pastoral Outreach of the U.S. Bishops
- Ministry to Holy Father
- Panama Mission Aid to Poor

30% Vocations & Pastoral Outreach

- Education of Seminarians
- Annulments
- Canonical Assistance to Diocese
- Deacon Formation
- Sacred Music
- Divine Worship
- Ongoing Formation of Clergy
- Safe Environment Ministry

16% Catholic Social Services

- Adoption and Foster Care
- Support for Families
- Pregnancy Counseling
- Mental Health & Addiction Counseling
- Support Group Counseling
- Anger Management Classes
- Advocate for the Poor and Mentally Ill
- Alpha Omega Recovery & Re-entry Housing

All parishes and missions in the diocese help fund the annual UPCSА. Parishes that exceed their goal in donations receive a rebate for the additional funds collected. Parishes that fall short of their goal in donations from parishioners pay the shortage out of their operating budgets.

**This chart reflects projected 2016-2017 funding for UPCSА, which is allocated to these offices and ministries.*

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Unconditional Love

Jason's story, told below, gives powerful witness to just one of the many ministries funded by the appeal.

Jason Grailer, Former Resident
Alpha Omega Recovery & Re-entry House
Iron Mountain, Michigan
 Operated by Catholic Social Services of the U.P.

This place has helped me build structure, which is important to me. I have been taught that a stronger program means a stronger recovery. I think I am finally starting to earn the right to be trusted with most things.

I am not perfect. But I'm better. And with the help of the Lord, my family and the new friends I have made in the program, it can only get better.

Alpha Omega has helped me more than most will ever know.

Now I'm sober. I have two jobs. I am paying my child support and spending time with my family. I have been able to make new friends, clean and sober friends. My family is proud of me and I'm beginning to regain their trust.

I never really understood that no matter what I do, where I go, that I am a child of the Lord and He will love me unconditionally no matter what. And that is the same for all of us, all of God's children.

