

Catholic Social Services

Foster Care Worker Recognized

For the second year in a row, an employee of Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula (CSSUP) has been recognized for outstanding service to Michigan's foster children. The State Court Administrative Office's Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) presented the 2015 Foster Care Worker of the Year Award to Diane Tryan of CSSUP's Escanaba office. And in 2014, the agency's foster care supervisor at the time, Tricia Emery, was one of eight members of the Overmyer/Ahola Family of Marquette County to be named Foster Parents of the Year.

An employee of CSSUP since 1998, Tryan has worked for 18 years as a foster care and adoption caseworker and supervisor. CSSUP has offices in Escanaba, Iron Mountain and Marquette. Tryan is noted for possessing a tireless work ethic with positive energy that inspires others around her. Her unending loyalty and service to her community is visible through

her outstanding reputation as a motivational educator and devoted assistant to her clients and families she serves.



Catholic Social Services is partially supported by the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA). In the agency's foster care program, UPCSA monies are used for the care of foster children who are not funded through either the state or federal government and for the recruitment and retention of foster homes. In 2015, CSSUP finalized 12 adoptions and served an average of 16 children and their foster care families per month.

In addition, the agency provides various types of counseling, and operates Alpha Omega House, a residential rehabilitation facility in Iron Mountain for men released from jail.

Vocations & Pastoral Outreach

Deaconate Program Revitalized

For the first time in over a decade, eight men from various parishes throughout the Upper Peninsula are studying to become permanent deacons. Donors to UPCSA help cover the costs of the diaconate office and the formation program. It's been the job of the office's director, Deacon Jack Leadbetter, to get the revamped program up and running.

"Quite frankly, it's been hard, but it's coming together. When all is said and done, we'll have a really good program in place," he said. Candidates commit to a five-year process that includes one year of discernment, classes in the diocese, and four years of online graduate level coursework through Augustine Institute in Colorado. "It's very rigorous," he added.

It's also quite expensive at \$1,400 per class. Generally, two-thirds of the cost is paid for by the diocese through the generous contributions of parishioners to UPCSA, and one-third is covered by the deacon candidates themselves if they can afford it.

With a young and growing family, Bill McKnight of St. Louis the King Parish in Harvey said the assistance from UPCSA donors is essential to his becoming a deacon.

"For our family, saying yes to God's call to service has truly been about putting our fate into His hands and trusting that He will provide for diaconate formation when our family's income will not allow it. Those that have provided to the appeal have been God's hands to our family."

According to Deacon Leadbetter, "We're trying to form men who are true icons of Christ the Servant and whose charisms will be desired by the pastors of the diocese."



Men in the Diocesan Diaconate Program on retreat at Marygrove with Fr. Tim Ekaitis

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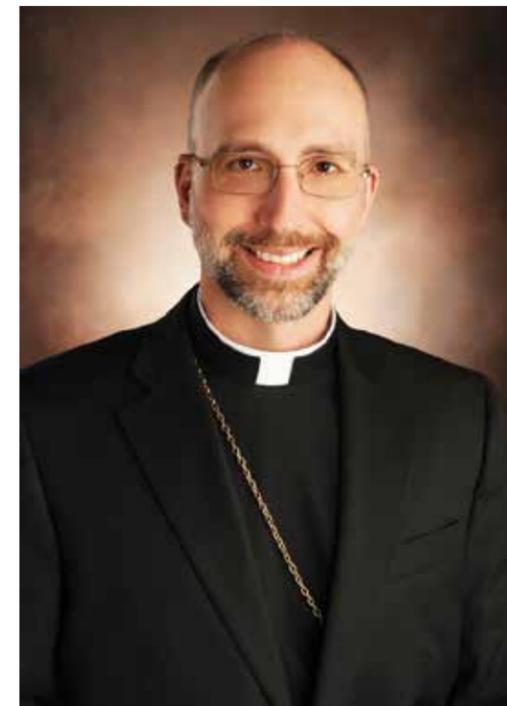
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Thank You

Thank you for all you do to power the mission of our Diocesan Church! We join with all our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the diocese and the world doing the Lord's work when we make our annual contribution to the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA).

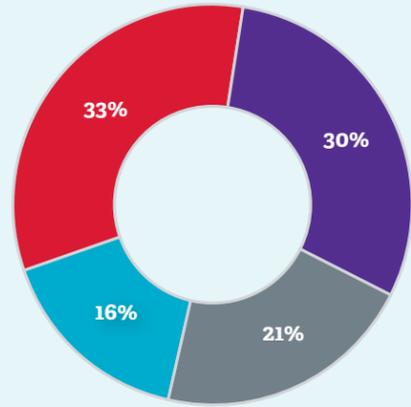
UPCSA supports many ministries and programs. This publication reflects on just a few of the many lives that have been touched by your charity to the appeal.

The 2016 UPCSA kicks off September 24-25. I invite you to join with me in building the future of our Diocesan Church through the annual appeal. Please give generously. Use the enclosed pledge card today to give your parish a jump start on its UPCSA target goal. Together we can grow the Church in the Upper Peninsula.



Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL
Bishop of Marquette

Ministries Supported by UPCSA



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

Evangelization

Campus Ministry Forms Strong Church Leaders

Usually it takes years to build a church, but a group of campus ministry students from Michigan Technological University (MTU) in Houghton built one in just a few weeks! What they constructed was an ice chapel for the university's snow statue competition.

Father Ben Hasse, pastor of St. Albert the Great University Parish, offered Mass there and was amazed that over 140 people participated.



Ice Mass in Houghton.

"I figured our really committed students and year-round parishioners would attend. But, the week of, students started to tell me their parents were coming into town to attend the Mass," said Father Hasse. "I was starting to get nervous of how many people were going to show up!"



In addition to working with the MTU students, Fr. Hasse serves as the diocesan director of campus ministry, a position which is funded by UPCSA. One of the events that he organizes for Catholic college students of the Upper Peninsula is a retreat offered twice a year. Students from Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan University (NMU) in Marquette, Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in Sault Ste. Marie, Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba and Gogebic Community College in Ironwood generally attend. Although the campus ministry at MTU is self-funded, those at NMU and LSSU strongly rely on money from UPCSA.

The funding is used in a variety of ways, including Bible study sessions, faith formation presentations, missionary trips, service projects, social gatherings, and leadership training and opportunities.

Fr. Hasse pointed out, *"Our campus ministries are absolutely vital in building up the Church and sharing the faith. Reaching out to our college students will help us develop strong leaders in the Church."*

Faith Formation & Education

Empowering the Mission of Diocesan Catholic Schools

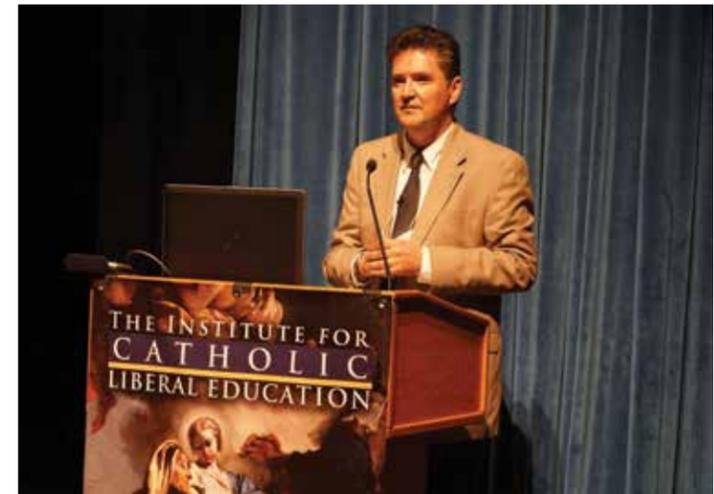
UPCSA funds generously donated by the faithful across the diocese are making a difference in the lives of our Catholic school students.

Within the Department of Evangelization and Education, which is largely funded by UPCSA, the Catholic Schools office works with the nine Catholic school principals and pastors on the effective leadership of their local Catholic schools.

Two particularly successful aspects of this work have been emphasized in the past four years.

First, the schools have been working to implement best practices in school administration and management. Some of the areas include strategic and financial planning, marketing, communications, school council effectiveness, enrollment management, fundraising and development.

Second, the Diocese of Marquette has become a national leader in the movement across the country to transition Catholic schools toward a Catholic Liberal Arts curriculum. In July, Superintendent Mark Salisbury spoke to an audience of over 200 Catholic educators



Superintendent Mark Salisbury was a presenter at the National Conference on Catholic Liberal Arts Education in Philadelphia.

from 50 schools across the country at the National Conference on Catholic Liberal Arts Education in Philadelphia.

Thanks to the generosity of UPCSA donors, the schools in the Diocese of Marquette are able to educate our students with exceptional Catholic academics, empowering the mission to evangelize, teach, and form the next generation of Catholic leaders.

Did You Know?

- The UPCSA budget makes up 66% of the diocesan overall budget? The rest comes from investment income, other donations and grants.
- Once a parish meets its UPCSA goal, all excess donations are returned to the parish for its own ministries and projects. Many parishes use UPCSA to raise money for specific parish needs.

CALL TO ACTION:

- CALL** your parish and volunteer to help with your parish UPCSA.
- VISIT** www.dioceseofmarquette.org/upcsa to learn more about UPCSA.
- CONTACT** us if you have any questions about supporting the Diocese of Marquette today or in the future.
Phone 1/800/562-9745 ext #108 or 906/227-9108.
- GIVE EARLY** using the enclosed pledge card to give your parish a jump start on its UPCSA goal, or **GIVE LATER** when you receive UPCSA information from your parish



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