

## Testimonials: Catholic Ministry Appeal

Dear Friends,



Hi! My name is Allison Cronin and I have been a member of All Saints Parish since I moved to Corning in July of 2011. My fiancé Scott Bankaitis and I are preparing for our upcoming wedding this spring. We were both raised in Catholic families and our faith is an important part of our lives. Over the past few months, through the Parish, Scott and I have been completing the Fully Engaged program, which has been tremendously beneficial for our spiritual and emotional growth as a couple.

Fully Engaged is a faith based wedding preparation program provided by All Saints through the Diocese of Rochester. This program and many other Parish programs would not be possible without the financial support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your generosity! Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal has allowed us, and many other couples, to prepare for a long lasting, faith-based marriage.

Thank You,  
Allison Cronin

Dear Friends,



My name is Nakita Brizze, I was recently married at Saint Mary's and three years before that I was baptized, confirmed and received first communion here! Growing up I didn't have any real kind of religious direction, but I always felt a calling to be closer to God. So I'd often attend bible studies and try different churches. When I discovered my husband, (boyfriend at the time) was Catholic, a spark ignited in me, so I wanted to learn more about the Church. I quickly contacted the parish and learned about the RCIA program. The RCIA volunteer team accepted me with open arms and taught me so much about Catholicism, it was easy to decide this is the path for me.

During the RCIA classes I learned everything I could ask about the faith, and then some! Thanks to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, the parish was able to supply me with the information I needed to make my decision. They provided me with an abundance of reading material, including my New Catholic Answer Bible that I still use, and the beautiful crucifix hanging on my wall. Since becoming part of the Church, my husband and I have been honored to be Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, I've been asked to be the church's Wedding Coordinator, and I'm also interested in joining the RCIA core team. If it weren't for your generous financial support to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I wouldn't have been given the opportunity to be all that God has called me to be.

Thank you and Peace be with you!  
Nakita Brizze

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal your gift is joined with thousands of others to enable our diocesan community of faith to:

- Fund ministries that nurture children and teenagers in the Catholic faith and teaches values they'll carry into adulthood.
- Help pay for the proper education of our seminarians, on the road to priestly ordination
- Ensure we can help struggling families find their way through economic crisis and back to stability
- Prepare engaged couples for God-centered marriages rooted in the Catholic Church
- Educate and prepare those who wish to become Catholic for the fullness of life, in the Church through RCIA
- Enable us to promote Catholic values about the sanctity of all life and make our voice heard in society
- Fund programs that give young adults on college campuses a connection to the Church.
- Provide important services to your parish that it would find difficult to afford on its own
- Support ministries that reach out with the hands and heart of Christ to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned
- Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people annually

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