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## Diocese of Orlando: Laity, Family & Life Ministries



Your gift to **Our Catholic Appeal** supports a host of children, youth, college, adult and family ministries. These ministries and sacraments help people and families to be God-centered, rooted in faith and grounded in our Catholic heritage. Each year, more than 50,000 Catholics are served in parish-based catechetical ministries by nearly 370 lay parish ministry professionals, and more than 6,000 catechists and other ministry volunteers.

Gifts to **Our Catholic Appeal** have raised more than \$1.5 million annually for these ministries and sacraments throughout the Diocese of Orlando's nine-county area. Your gift transforms lives and grows our Catholic faith.

In addition to the sacraments, one of the ministries for Catholic couples includes the annual Mass for married Catholics. Good Shepherd parishioners Tomás and Mercedes Díaz have participated in the annual Mass for four years. Married in August 1976 in Guacara, Venezuela, Tomás says they attend “first of all because we believe in marriage. It also renews the commitment we made to Jesus when we were married. It gives us great joy to see the couples who have been married 50, 60, 70 years and still love one another.”

Paul and Robin Ring were married at Divine Mercy Parish in Merritt Island in 1984. It is still their home parish. For the last three years, they have driven to Orlando to honor the Sacrament of Marriage. Today, both the Díaz and Ring families say faith-centered communication has strengthened their marriages and families.

Your gift to **Our Catholic Appeal** supports other Laity, Family & Life Ministries. They include thousands of baptisms, first communions, confirmations and catechists. Thank you for supporting our parishes, schools and ministries through services made possible by your gift to **Our Catholic Appeal**. God bless you!

### Your support also provides your parishes and schools:

-  Annual Workshops and Trainings for Parish Staff
-  Human Resources Services
-  Construction & Design
-  Retreats and Events at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

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