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HOW AND WHEN YOUR CMA GIFT IS USED

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is crucial. Donations fund the day-to-day operations of the Diocese of Rochester. Without your generosity, we could not continue to support our parishes and fulfill our mission.

When your donation is received, it is utilized immediately for current operations. The CMA supports offices, personnel and ministries that provide assistance and resources to parishes, pastors, parish ministers and Pastoral and Finance Councils through such offices as Safe Environment, Information Technology, Evangelization & Catechesis, Pastoral Services, Finance, Building/Property Management, Stewardship and Communications, the Tribunal and Risk Management. In fact, the CMA funds nearly 60 percent of the current diocesan operating budget in seven key areas:

- Serving the poor, the elderly and infirm through Catholic Charities
- Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions
- Educating youth and young adults in the Catholic faith in our schools, parish religious education programs and on college campuses.
- Funding the formation of seminarians, deacons, pastoral leaders and vocations
- Supporting the ministries of Bishop Matano, the New York State Catholic Conference, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican.
- Funding operations & support services of the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements
- Supporting the fundraising efforts of the CMA campaign, such as the cost of mailings, gift and data processing and staffing.

A detailed allocations chart can be found at www.dor.org/cma.

All funds raised in the CMA are used for programs, services and ministries. No CMA contributions are used for the settlement of legal cases.

The Diocese will accept gifts, separate from the CMA, to assist in funding settlements with victims. Contact the Office of Stewardship and Communications at 585-328-3210 for more information.



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WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO: FESTIVAL DEL BARRIO AND FIESTA NAVIDENA?

We would like to explain as clearly as possible the reasons why it has been necessary to cancel these two popular annual events at this time:

LACK OF VOLUNTEERS: It actually seems cruel to depend on so many women in their 70's to be cooking and standing in a hot kitchen for hours, and others of the same age, cleaning up.

LACK OF PAID MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL: Our paid maintenance staff is so small and has so much work to do, that they cannot provide any help at all to these events.

LACK OF PROFIT: Due to significantly increased costs for music, security and the stage, as well as minimal sponsorships, our profit has been pretty much zero. The last two years look like this:

2017 Barrio: \$884 loss

Navideña: \$482 profit

2018 Barrio: \$206 profit

Navideña: \$339 loss

Compare with

2017 Jíbara: \$8,753 profit

2018 Jíbara: \$8,517 profit

We are encouraged, however, by a group of people who met with Fr. Mickey after one of our "October Rosaries in the Home." They had brainstormed several ideas for additional fund-raising options. Hopefully, there will be a group of new volunteers to encourage those who met with Fr. Mickey to move forward.

Fr. Bob Werth