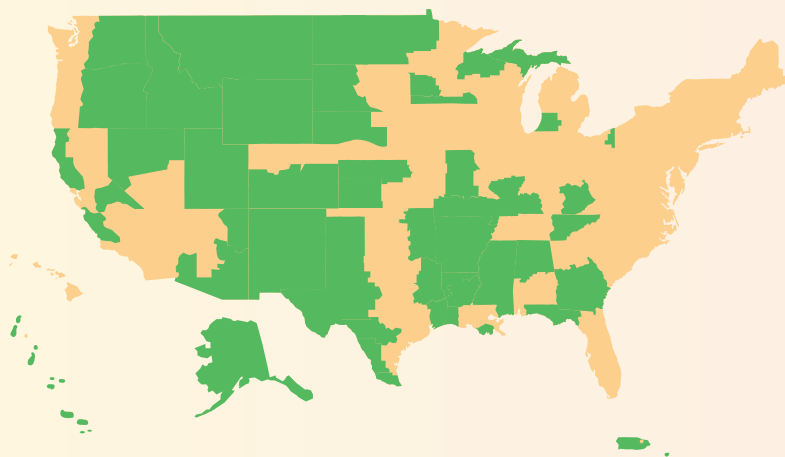




Strengthening the Church at Home

“Our Catholic Home Missions grant makes it possible to pay modest salaries for pastoral directors and to literally ‘keep the lights on’ in churches that are located in some of the poorest and most remote counties in the nation. While our mountain congregations are small in number and have limited resources, they provide an amazing array of ministry and service to parishioners, as well as the wider community.”

—Deacon Bill Wakefield, Director of Stewardship, Diocese of Lexington



In the Appalachian Diocese of Lexington in Kentucky, Catholic Home Missions helped keep open the doors of nine parishes in 2009. Of the 63 parishes and missions in the diocese, nearly 40 require outside assistance to stay afloat. Scenarios such as this are common among the home mission dioceses of the United States.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds important pastoral projects in our poorer dioceses, where there are not enough resources to be self-sufficient. Eighty-seven dioceses in the United States are considered home missions, and they receive support for essential ministries such as priest formation, lay ministry training, youth ministry programs, and evangelization.

Dioceses all over the country rely on the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to bridge the gap between the need and the ability to sustain their pastoral works. Your donations make it possible. Please be generous in this Appeal. Help keep parishes open in the United States and strengthen the Church at home.

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