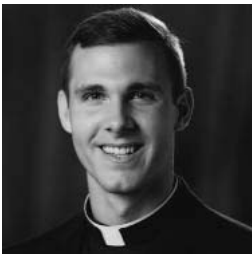## Testimonials: Catholic Ministry Appeal

Dear Friends,

My name is Brian Mizzoni and I am a life-long member of All Saints Parish. It was at St. Mary's where I was baptized and received the sacraments of penance, first communion (Holy Eucharist) and confirmation. I attended All Saints Academy from kindergarten through eighth grade, which at the time was called St. Mary's, Corning Catholic School South. During my formative years as a youth, I have always felt the calling to ministry in the Church and to serve our Lord. There was solid support in our parish for helping me to discern what God was calling me to. I eventually discerned the vocation to married life and am currently married with three children who are now grown adults. Throughout the years, I volunteered in various ministries at All Saints such as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, ministry of Lectoring (reader) and the Respect Life ministry and it was approximately four years ago when I felt the strong call to pursue the permanent diaconate.

After extensively discerning the call to the diaconate through prayer, spiritual direction, guidance and support, I entered the formation program at St. Bernard's. I am currently entering into my fourth and final year of the program. It has been a holy, inspiring and intense journey with strong continued support from my family, Fr. Jones, and all of you, the wonderful people of All Saints! This entire grace-filled opportunity has been made possible through your prayers and the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your prayers supply the spiritual strength and support I need, and the Catholic Ministry Appeal has provided the financial support so that I can continue to pursue God's call to the permanent diaconate. I would like to thank each and every one of you, especially for your generous financial support to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. By the Grace of God I hope to one day soon serve our Parish as a deacon.

May God bless you!
Brian Mizzoni

Dear Friends,

I am Deacon Joseph Martuscello and I was born and raised in Corning, New York. I was Baptized at St. Vincent's Church of All Saints Parish. I have fond memories of All Saints Parish growing up, particularly liturgical celebrations at St. Vincent's, daily Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary with my family, Saturday confessions at St. Patrick's, and Eucharist Adoration at St. Mary's in the Fr. Brennan Chapel. But perhaps the most memorable, at least to my mother, was during Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Vincent's. I was probably three or four years old when I ran out from the pew away from my father, all the way up the aisle into the Sanctuary under the Altar during the middle of the homily of Midnight Mass in a packed Church. I guess I began waving at people in the congregation as they began to laugh and chuckle at me. This was causing distraction and disruption to the Sacred Liturgy, so the priest stopped and asked that whoever's child this was to please come and claim him. So, my father as embarrassed as he was, came up the aisle to retrieve me back to the pew.

And now, I am a transitional deacon in my final year of seminary formation. I have been called by the Lord to His Altar again. Thanks be to God, I will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 13th, 2020. Thanks to All Saints Parish, to SS. Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish, to the Diocese of Rochester, and especially to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I am able to become a Catholic Priest. It is because of the Catholic Ministries Appeal that I am able to pursue my priestly vocation and to complete my seminary formation at St. John's Seminary in Boston. The Catholic Ministries Appeal's support has made it possible for me to one day be able to celebrate and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Altar of God. Without the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I would be unable to pursue my call and my dream to become a Catholic Priest. So, I am ever grateful for your generosity and ever grateful for the Catholic Ministries Appeal's support.

Thank you and God bless you!
Deacon Joseph Martuscello