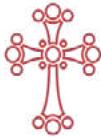




CHALDEAN DIOCESE  
OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE U.S.A.

2025  
ANNUAL REPORT



As we come together for our annual Bishop's Dinner, I am filled with gratitude and hope. At the heart of our gathering is the Church's mission of evangelization—a mission that begins not with plans or programs, but with a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Having met Him, the Son of God who has entered our world, conquered darkness, and brought us salvation, our hearts are moved to share His love with others. This encounter with Christ is the foundation of our faith and the source of our desire to evangelize.

I remain deeply grateful for the priests of our Diocese who faithfully labor in the Vineyard to bring Christ to His people, and for the many ministries throughout our parishes and ECRC that help our faithful to grow in their love for the Lord. I also thank you, the faithful disciples of Christ. Through your prayers, generosity, and commitment to the Church, you make it possible for the Gospel to be lived and shared in our families, our parishes, and our wider community.

Through a special fundraising dinner for the Christians of the Holy Land, our Diocese hosted the Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzaballa and was able to provide spiritual and material support to our brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to endure hardship and uncertainty. This witness reminds us that evangelization is not only proclaimed in word but lived through compassion and concrete acts of love.

As our Diocese continues to grow, so too does our responsibility to form hearts rooted in Christ and ready to witness to Him. The Lord continues to bless His Church with vocations, assuring us that where there is need, God always provides.

In a world longing for hope, peace, and truth, we have found all of these in Jesus Christ. Let us continue to build our families and our Diocese upon Him, the solid Rock, so that the faith may be joyfully handed on to future generations.

With this mission in mind, and in the spirit of transparency, I invite you to review the most recent *Annual Report* for the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle of the United States, included in this program.

Let us continue to pray for one another, for our Church, our Diocese, and our clergy, that together we may always proclaim the name of Jesus Christ—now and forever.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

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Mar Francis Y. Kalabat  
Bishop of the Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle U.S.A.

# PARISHES

PARISHES	PRIESTS	CONTACT
Holy Cross est. 2013	Msgr. Zouhair T. Kejbou, Pastor	32500 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 626-5055
Holy Martyrs est. 2010	Rev. Selwan Taponi, Pastor Rev. Wisam Matti, Parochial Vicar Rev. John Jaddou, Parochial Vicar Rev. Kevin Yono, Parochial Vicar	43700 Merrill Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (586) 803-3114
Mar Addai est. 1979	Rev. Stephen Kallabat, Pastor	24010 Coolidge Highway Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 547-4648
Mart Mariam est. 1986	Rev. Ayad Hanna, Pastor Rev. Rodney Abasso, Parochial Vicar Rev. Milan Kakone, Priest in Residence	2700 Willow Road Northbrook, IL 60062 (224) 415-3770
Mother of God (Our Lady of Chaldeans Cathedral) est. 1948	Rev. Bryan Kassa, Administrator Rev. Sanharib Youkhana, Parochial Vicar Rev. Perrin Atisha, Parochial Vicar Msgr. Faris Marrougi, Priest in Residence Rev. Aram Hanna, Priest in Residence	25585 Berg Road Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 356-0565
Our Lady of Perpetual Help est. 2013	Rev. Rudy Zoma, Pastor	11200 E. 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48093 (586) 804-2114
Sacred Heart est. 1975	Rev. Fadi Philip, Pastor	30590 Dequindre Road Warren, MI 48092 (586) 393-5809
St. Ephrem est. 1947	Rev. Hermiz Haddad, Pastor	2537 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 888-7984
St. George est. 2000	Rev. Fawaz Kako, Pastor Rev. Namir Narra, Parochial Vicar Rev. Eahab Ishak, Parochial Vicar Rev. Joseph Nannoshi, Parochial Vicar	45700 Dequindre Road Shelby Township, MI 48317 (586) 254-7221
St. Joseph est. 1981	Rev. Sameem Balias, Pastor Rev. Patrick Setto, Parochial Vicar Rev. Fadie Gorgies, Parochial Vicar	2442 E Big Beaver Road Troy MI, 48083 (248) 528-3676
St. Paul est. 2014	(Pastoral services are cared for by Holy Martyrs Parish)	5150 E Maple Avenue Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (810) 820-8450
St. Thomas est. 1999	Rev. Pierre Konja, Pastor Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil, Parochial Vicar Rev. Matthew Zetouna, Parochial Vicar Rev. Marcus Shammami, Parochial Vicar	6900 Maple Road West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 788-2460
Missions:	Immaculate Conception Chaldean Mission in Boston, MA Administered by Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri	
	Mar Shemon Bar Sabbae Assyrian-Chaldean Catholic Church in Tbilisi, Republic Of Georgia Administered by Msgr. Benjamin Betyadegar, Pastor	
Bishops:	Most Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat, Bishop   Most Rev. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Bishop Emeritus Retired Bishops in Residence: Most Rev. Gabriel Kassab   Most Rev. Thomas Meram	
Retired Clergy:	Rev. Jirjis Abraham   Rev. Manuel Boji   Rev. Zia Marano	

# OUR DIOCESE

The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle is an Eastern Rite diocese (eparchy) under the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate of Babylon in Baghdad, Iraq. Once covering the entire United States, the diocese now serves about 200,000 U.S. Catholics in the eastern half of the country. Metro Detroit has the highest concentration of Chaldeans in the United States, and ten of the diocese's twelve parishes are in Michigan, with the other two parishes in Illinois.

## DIOCESE STAFF

**Most. Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat**  
Bishop

**Most. Rev. Ibrahim N. Ibrahim**  
Bishop Emeritus

**Rev. Ayad Hanna**  
Vicar General

**Rev. Pierre Konja**  
Judicial Vicar

**Rev. Marcus Shammami**  
Bishop's Secretary

**Rev. Bryan Kassa**  
Director of Seminarians

**Rev. Perrin Atisha**  
Director of Vocations  
Vicar for Priestly Life

**Vincent Jarbow**  
Finance Officer

**Nadia I. Kallabat**  
Office Administrator

**Lubna Seba**  
Tribunal Administrator  
Administrative Assistant

**Renee Kakos**  
Accountant

**Khairy Foumia**  
Liturgical Translator

**Jason Alkamano, CPA**  
Finance Advisor

## DIOCESE INSTITUTIONS

**Eastern Catholic Re-Evangelization Center (ECRC)**  
4875 W. Maple Road | Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301  
Administrators: Eva Jajjo & Candice Mansour  
Phone: (248) 538-9903  
[www.ecrc.us](http://www.ecrc.us) | [info@ecrc.us](mailto:info@ecrc.us)

**Mar Eliya Retreat Center**  
751 W. Drahner Road | Oxford, MI 48371  
Director & Property Manager: Mirna Ayar  
Phone: (248) 266-5596  
[www.mareliya.com](http://www.mareliya.com) | [retreat@chaldeanchurch.org](mailto:retreat@chaldeanchurch.org)

**Our Lady of the Fields Camp**  
7000 McClements Road | Brighton, MI 48114

**St. George Shrine at OLF Camp**  
1391 Kellogg Road | Brighton, MI 48114  
Executive Director: Michael Hickey  
Phone: (248) 379-0943  
<https://olf.camp> | [office@olf.camp](mailto:office@olf.camp)

**St. Thomas Montessori**  
4500 Arline Drive | West Bloomfield, MI 48323  
Director: Melanie Asmer  
Phone: (248) 862-0800  
[www.montessori.stccc.org](http://www.montessori.stccc.org) | [preschool@stccc.org](mailto:preschool@stccc.org)

**Chaldean Manor: Housing for Elders**  
25775 Berg Road | Southfield, MI 48034  
Administrator: Lamya Hedow  
Phone: (248) 355-9491  
[chaldeanmanorsouthfield@gmail.com](mailto:chaldeanmanorsouthfield@gmail.com)

**Chaldean Home of Sterling Heights**  
43482 Merrill Road | Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
Administrator: Nohra Hailo  
Phone: (586) 884-6560  
[chaldeanhome@gmail.com](mailto:chaldeanhome@gmail.com)

**Chaldean Voice Radio Program**  
25775 Berg Road | Ste. #324 | Southfield, MI 48034  
Director: Shoki Konja  
Phone: (248) 353-1083  
[www.chaldeanvoice.org](http://www.chaldeanvoice.org)

**Mar Ibrahim Library**  
(Located inside Chaldean Community Foundation-West)  
2075 Walnut Lake Road | West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
Directors: Rev. Marcus Shammami & Khairy Foumia  
[library@chaldeanchurch.org](mailto:library@chaldeanchurch.org)

## CHALDEAN SISTERS DAUGHTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE

**Formation House**  
24900 Middlebelt Road | Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
Phone: (248) 987-6731  
[www.chaldeansisters.com](http://www.chaldeansisters.com)

**St. George Convent**  
3973 Lisa Marie Drive | Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
Phone: (586) 301-3993

**Sacred Heart Convent**  
5159 Corners Drive | West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
Phone: (248) 615-2951

**St. Ephrem Convent**  
8822 Mason Avenue | Morton Grove, IL 60053

# FINANCE REPORT

The 2024/2025 data below reflects net diocesan income from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.  
It does not include seminarian or priest retirement funds.

## INCOME

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Fundraisers	\$895,741	37%
Parish Assessment	\$798,750	33%
Other Income	\$390,385	16%
Donations	\$275,345	11%
Annulment Processing	\$52,454	2%
Printing & Publishing	\$26,400	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,439,075</b>	

## EXPENSES

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Salaries	\$551,371	32%
Diocese Office Operating Costs	\$410,485	24%
Professional Fees, Insurance, & Property Costs	\$348,503	20%
Fundraising	\$207,513	12%
Appeals Remitted	\$122,585	7%
Warren Diocesan Center	\$33,702	3%
Annulment Processing & Safety Environments	\$30,179	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,704,338</b>	

**NET INCOME**  
**\$734,737**

The Bishop's Office is committed to financial transparency. There is an annual third party audit. If you have financial questions or concerns, please contact the Bishop's Office.

**2024 \$466,615**

# CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



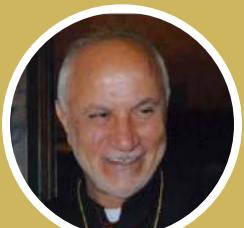
Most Rev.  
Francis Kalabat  
Bishop



Most Rev.  
Ibrahim Ibrahim  
Bishop Emeritus



Most Rev.  
Gabriel Kassab  
Bishop (Retired)



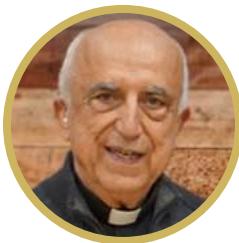
Most Rev.  
Thomas Meram  
Bishop (Retired)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

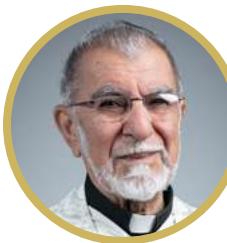
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## 29 PRIESTS

26 Active | 3 Retired  
(in order of year ordained)



Rev. Stephen Kallabat  
Pastor  
Mar Addai



Rev. Jirjis Ibrahim  
Retired



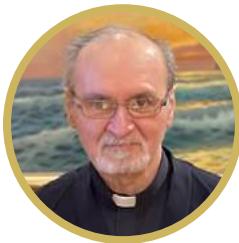
Rev. Manuel Boji  
Retired



Msgr. Zouhair Kejbou  
Pastor  
Holy Cross



Rev. Sanharib Youkhana  
Parochial Vicar  
Mother of God



Rev. Zia Marano  
Retired



Rev. Selwan Taponi  
Pastor  
Holy Martyrs



Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar  
Pastor  
Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae  
(Georgia Mission)



Rev. Wisam Matti  
Parochial Vicar  
Holy Martyrs



Rev. Ayad Hanna  
Pastor, Vicar General  
Mart Mariam



Rev. Fadi Philip  
Pastor  
Sacred Heart



Rev. Muhamnad Al Tawil  
Parochial Vicar  
St. Thomas



Rev. Sameem Balius  
Pastor  
St. Joseph



Rev. Rudy Zoma  
Pastor  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Rev. Fawaz Kako  
Pastor  
St. George



Rev. Hermiz Haddad  
Pastor  
St. Ephrem



Rev. Pierre Konja  
Pastor, Judicial Vicar  
St. Thomas



Rev. Matthew Zetouna  
Parochial Vicar  
St. Thomas



Rev. Bryan Kassa  
Administrator  
Director of Seminarians  
Mother of God



Rev. Patrick Setto  
Parochial Vicar  
St. Joseph



**Rev. John Jaddou**  
Parochial Vicar  
*Holy Martyrs*



**Rev. Fadie Gorgies**  
Parochial Vicar  
*St. Joseph*



**Rev. Rodney Abasso**  
Parochial Vicar  
*Mart Mariam*



**Rev. Perrin Atisha**  
Parochial Vicar  
Director of Vocations  
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*Mother of God*



**Rev. Kevin Yono**  
Parochial Vicar  
*Holy Martyrs*



**Rev. Marcus Shammami**  
Parochial Vicar  
Bishop's Secretary  
*St. Thomas*



**Rev. Namir Narra**  
Parochial Vicar  
*St. George*



**Rev. Eahab Ishak**  
Parochial Vicar  
*St. George*



**Rev. Joseph Nannoshi**  
Parochial Vicar  
*St. George*



**Msgr. Faris Marrougi**  
Priest in Residence  
*Mother of God*



**Rev. Aram Hanna**  
Priest in Residence  
*Mother of God*



**Rev. Milan Kakone**  
Priest in Residence  
*Mart Mariam*



**Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri**  
*Immaculate Conception*  
*Chaldean Catholic Boston Mission*

Since 1989, our diocese has entrusted its seminarian formation to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Sacred Heart is recognized nationally and around the world as one of the leading centers in the New Evangelization.

## 13 SEMINARIANS

7 Graduate | 6 Undergraduate



**Dcn. Brandon Elias**  
Synthesis Year



**Dcn. Lucian Gumma**  
Synthesis Year



**Matthew Bakkal**  
Theology III



**Eddie Dickow**  
Theology III



**Andrew Mattia**  
Theology I



**Patrick Jaboro**  
Theology I



**Rami Kina**  
Theology I



**Michael Atto**  
Philosophy I



**Stavro Mikha**  
Philosophy I



**Alex Kas-Shamoun**  
Philosophy I



**Aiden Kanno**  
Propaedeutic Year



**Rio Sawa**  
Propaedeutic Year



**James Elias**  
Propaedeutic Year

# 2024/2025 Priest Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2024 - June 2025

Christmas Collection	Donations	Mass Offerings	Bishop's Dinner	Interest
\$44,650	-	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$40,827
<b>Income \$190,477</b>	<b>Expenses \$134,823</b>	<b>Net Income \$55,654</b>		<b>Net Value \$3,738,000</b>



# 2024/2025 Seminary Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2024 - June 2025

Christmas Collection	General Donations	Easter Collection	Bishop's Dinner	Stride for Seminarians
\$89,299	\$47,285	\$179,090	\$60,000	\$129,670
<b>Income \$505,344</b>	<b>Expenses \$463,600</b>	<b>Net Income \$41,744</b>		<b>Net Value \$3,334,000</b>

# 2025 SACRAMENTS

## Baptisms & Confirmations

**1,159**

2022|1,071 2023|1,252 2024|1,276

## 1st Communions

**1,028**

2022|726 2023|1,063 2024|1,081

## Marriages

**452**

2022|348 2023|548 2024|482

## Funerals

**365**

2022|615 2023|336 2024|360



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Ordinations 2026

The Diocese has been blessed this past year with the priestly ordinations of Fr. Eahab Ishak and Fr. Joseph Nannoshi, who were ordained on July 5, 2025, at Mother of God Chaldean Catholic Church. Both priests are currently assigned to St. George Chaldean Catholic Church in Shelby Township, where they faithfully serve the spiritual needs of the parish community and the Diocese as a whole.

As we look toward the future with hope, preparations are underway for the priestly ordination of Deacons Brandon Elias and Lucian Gumma on July 4, 2026, God willing. Additionally, Matthew Bakkal and Eddie Dickow are scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate in 2026, continuing the strong progression of vocations within the Diocese.

At present, we are blessed with 13 seminarians in formation. Their discernment and commitment are a testament to the vitality of our Church and the faith of our community. Through the generosity of our faithful and initiatives such as Stride for Seminarians, these men are able to dedicate themselves fully to their studies and spiritual formation without the burden of tuition costs. We remain deeply grateful for this support and ask for continued prayers for all those discerning and living out a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

For more information on vocations, please visit [chaldeanchurch.org/vocations](http://chaldeanchurch.org/vocations).



## Search for Church and School

The Diocese continues its efforts to identify suitable properties or facilities for purchase to support the establishment of additional parishes and a future school to serve our expanding community. With nearly 200,000 Chaldean Catholics served each year, we remain dedicated to securing a location that best meets the needs of our faithful and provides greater accessibility to the Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, and Macomb Township areas. Guided by prayer and trust in God's providence, we seek discernment as we move forward in determining the appropriate timing and location for this important step. With faith and perseverance, we remain confident that the Lord will lead us in fulfilling the spiritual and pastoral needs of our growing community.



## Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year – A Year to Celebrate

From January 1 through December 31, 2025, the Chaldean Diocese journeyed through all of Sacred Scripture in the Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year, faithfully completing 365 consecutive days of Bible readings under the pastoral guidance of Bishop Francis Kalabat and Fr. John Jaddou. Shared as daily audio reflections on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts, this year-long initiative became a powerful spiritual companion for thousands of listeners. Throughout the year, the podcast was heard hundreds of thousands of times, generating over 84,000 hours of time spent in the Word of God. Listeners tuned in daily from across the United States, Canada, and beyond, with strong and consistent engagement reflecting a deep hunger for Scripture. Apple Podcasts alone showed exceptional listener loyalty, with the vast majority of listening coming from returning followers. This extraordinary response stands as a testament to the faithfulness of our community and the transformative power of God's Word when proclaimed daily. The Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year was not simply a podcast—it was a shared spiritual journey that united the faithful, strengthened families, and deepened a love for Sacred Scripture throughout the year.



## Mar Ibrahim Library

The opening of the Mar Ibrahim Library marked a significant milestone in the life of the Diocese, celebrating the preservation of Chaldean faith, history, and identity. Established with the generous support and collaboration of the Chaldean Community Foundation, the library is proudly housed in the Foundation's new building in West Bloomfield, Michigan. More than a collection of books, the library stands as a living witness to our heritage, housing ancient Aramaic manuscripts alongside contemporary theological and historical works. It serves as a place of learning, remembrance, and formation, honoring the legacy of our Church and those who safeguarded the faith across generations. In addition to its archival mission, the library will offer educational classes and programs to support ongoing faith formation and cultural education. Envisioned as a resource for the entire Chaldean community, the library reflects the Diocese's continued commitment to education, cultural preservation, and the transmission of faith for generations to come.



## Mar Eliya Retreat Center

Mar Eliya Retreat Center joyfully celebrated its ribbon cutting and grand opening on Friday, September 25, 2025. Construction was completed in the spring of 2025, and the center has since become a vibrant place of spiritual renewal, faithfully hosting 18 retreats and welcoming more than 450 retreatants. This milestone marks a significant blessing for our community, as the retreat center continues to serve as a place of prayer, reflection, and formation.



## Our Lady of Wisdom Homeschool

Our Lady of Wisdom Homeschool continues to support families through its cooperative and enrichment programs, serving a combined total of 72 students in 2025. The enrichment program is currently hosted at St. Thomas Chaldean Church and is scheduled to expand in 2026 with the addition of a second location at Holy Martyrs Chaldean Catholic Church, reflecting continued growth and demand. The program is a two-day a week dropoff providing students with additional academic, social, and faith-based learning opportunities. The cooperative program is held at Sacred Heart Chaldean Church, and moms stay on site and work together to provide social and educational support for their children. Together, these programs remain a vital resource for families seeking a faith-centered homeschool experience within our Diocese.





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