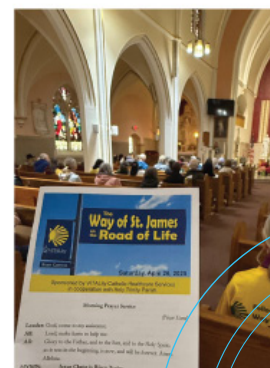




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"I came so they might have life and have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

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VITALity Touches Lives

Resource and Referral
Help Line Services
opened in December

2015

The Renaissance Senior
Day Center at St.
Andrew's opened

2017

Life to the Fullest
membership
program started

Centenarian and
Nonagenarian
Mass began

2016

Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry
increased presence of
Catholic chaplains in South
Jersey hospitals

VITALity Catholic Healthcare
Services sponsored the
Foundations of Faith Community
Nursing course for the first time

2018

8 Parish-based Mercy
Team ministries were
initiated by VITALity

Nicole Keefer
Executive Director



As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services, I am filled with profound gratitude to the staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who have helped advance our mission over the past decade. Guided by our Catholic faith and values, we remain committed to serving older adults and individuals with disabilities with dignity, compassion, and respect for the sacredness of every human life. As we reflect on the countless lives touched through our ministry, we thank you for walking alongside us these last 10 years as we evangelize Christ's healing mission and look toward the future with faith and purpose.



Parish Nursing

Promotes health and healing with a faith-based perspective.

- **18,000+** lives touched by Parish Nurse initiatives
- **25** parishes trained by Homeland Security on Stop the Bleed initiative
- **10** parish nurses trained in HealthEASE
- **11** nurses completed Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course
- **8** new Parish Nurse Coordinators were onboarded to the ministry
- **20** retreat participants
- **15** new Mercy Team volunteers trained
- **16** total Mercy Teams serving others

Ministry with the Deaf and Persons with Disabilities

Promotes full inclusion in parish and community life for all. Offers American Sign Language and sensory-friendly Masses to make all feel welcome and accepted.

- Number of parishes that host regular inclusion Masses **5**
- Number of attendees at annual Stone Harbor retreat: **18**
- Number of ASL Masses in 2025: **55**
- Number of interpreters: **4**
- Number of attendees at the Christmas social: **40**

First Penance: **1**

First Solemn Eucharist: **1**

Sacrament of Confirmation: **1**



Mercy Team ministries
reached 11 total
throughout the diocese

2019

Golden Slippers Senior
Day Center at St.
Simon Stock opened

2020

Way of Saint James
Pilgrimage Walk

Initiated virtual health
promotion Zooms in order to
provide outreach during the
pandemic

Parish Nurse Ministry
established 3 more
parish-based ministries

2021

2022

Ministry with the Deaf and
Persons with Disabilities
expanded Masses of Inclusion
to 8 parishes

Senior Ministries hosted a
Fall Fling event open to
all seniors in the diocese

2023

2024

Senior Ministries launched Calls of Joy
volunteer-based program that provides
joyful outreach telephone calls to
seniors and those who are isolated

Hospital Chaplaincy

VITALity's Hospital Chaplaincy program of 21 priests and associate lay chaplains care for those hospitalized and in need of compassionate emotional and spiritual support to patients, staff, and families in 17 hospitals and facilities.

- Priest chaplains administered the Sacrament of the Sick to **3,403** persons seeking the Lord's healing mercy
- **7,021** pastoral care visits with staff & families
- **27,259** receptions of Holy Communion to staff, patients, and families
- **10** Baptisms celebrated
- **67,963** pastoral care encounters with patients



Stephen Ministry

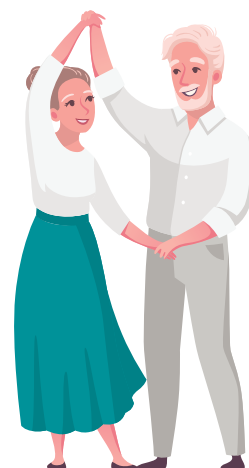
Offers one-on-one confidential Christian care to those facing life's most difficult challenges, including grief, illness, divorce, and loneliness.

- Number of lives touched by caregivers: **124**
- Number of parishes in diocese: **15**
- Zoom gatherings: **2**
- New ministries established: **1 - Holy Trinity Parish, Margate**

Parish-Based Senior Ministries

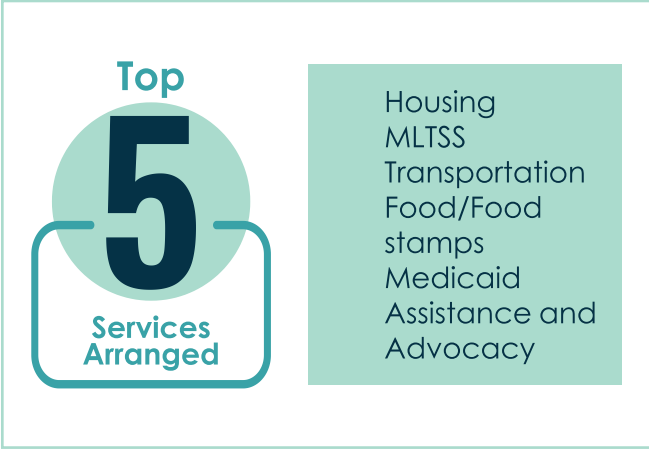
Provides older adults a place to gather in parish community settings with friends to share fellowship, encourage healthy living, and foster independence through social and spiritual activities.

- **4** senior social day centers
- **200** people attend on average
- **2** annual events:
 - Way of St. James Intergenerational Pilgrimage Walk (**96 attendees 2025**)
 - Octogenarian, Nonagenarian & Centenarian Mass (**100 attendees 2025**)
- Outreach:
 - Life to the Fullest newsletter (**4 in 2025**) **1000 + recipients**
 - Health and Well-Being presentations (**46 in 2025**)
 - Calls of Joy (**15 participants, 705 calls, 2 volunteers making phone calls**)



Care Coordination

Care Coordination touches thousands of lives each year by helping older adults and individuals with disabilities access resources, navigate complex systems, and maintain safe, supportive living environments. Through advocacy, referrals, and collaboration with healthcare and community partners, our team provides compassionate guidance and support every step of the way.



Request for services by county

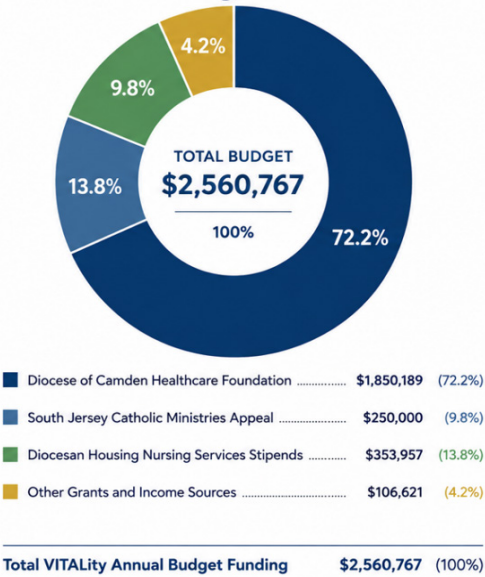


• Camden	387	• Cumberland	22
• Gloucester	127	• Salem	19
• Atlantic	74	• Other	4
• Cape May	45		

Mission Statement

We serve to enhance the quality and promote the dignity of life for the elderly, persons with disabilities and their families throughout the Diocese of Camden through programs and services that address the health and well-being of body, mind and spirit. Rooted in our Catholic values, we deliver these services compassionately as the Gospel directs us, and we will care for and assist all people in need, regardless of their religious affiliation.

VITALity Annual Budget Funding Sources



VITALity Services (As Percent of Total Budget)

