



Dear Friends:

John believes that finding Talbot House was a miracle that led him from darkness into the light.

Every day, people struggling with substance abuse come to Catholic Charities' Talbot House looking for a way to reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process.

"The way I was living my life, I should not be here today. Every morning I wake up, I thank God for another day and for Talbot House," shared John.

Supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal makes this program - and so many others - possible.

As members of our parish and of the larger Church community of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we share in the mission to be instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*.

One important way to do this is through support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) which sustains not only programs like Catholic Charities' Talbot House but also campus, hospital and prison ministries, outreach programs, ministries to young people and the education and formation of our Priests, Deacons and lay leaders.

One of my diocesan responsibilities as a Pastor is to encourage support for this Appeal and increase the number of parishioners who join in this essential effort of the Church here on Long Island. As your Pastor, I have already witnessed your generosity and cooperation so I am confident that everyone who can will respond to the invitation to contribute to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

It is with deepest gratitude that I thank you most sincerely for your special consideration of this request to make a gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **Please know that no gift is too small** and every gift makes a difference in the lives of people like John.

If you need a new envelope or any materials about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please pick up materials in the narthex of the church. And again, please know how grateful I am for all you do for our parish and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian