

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.” PSALM 51:14



Diocesan Appeal

JULY 1, 2023
TO JUNE 30, 2024

A willing spirit – these times and circumstances are a test of that spirit but if we individually and collectively call on the Lord to restore that yearning and joy for salvation, we are able not only to bear the burdens but thrive and promote God’s Kingdom on earth! The current complexities of the greater Catholic Church distract from devotion to the pure and beautiful mission of your parish – and the Diocese as its partner – to cultivate and nurture the Lord’s disciples. It is by serving you, our family of faith, our sisters and brothers, Children of God the Father and of Mary, that our parishes have hope and light for the future. Collectively we as individuals and as communities are the spark that will inspire a renewal of our Catholic practice of faith!

Parish Partnership – Of course ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well. This is where the parish leans on the Diocese for that assistance--the principal role of the Diocese--via 30 specialty departments with 57 full-time and 23 part-time staff (www.rcda.org/offices). Donor gifts to the Diocesan Appeal underwrite the cost of these shared parish services relieving that expense from the parish. (NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments per your intent as a donor to the Diocesan Appeal.)

Fr. Anthony Barratt (Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, Hudson & Germantown) – “Parishioners may be surprised to know how much my staff and I utilize the various services and consultancies of the Diocese – their support is significant and essential in the day-to-day running of our parish. I know this is the same for my fellow pastors.”

Fr. Steve Matthews (Pastor, Catholic Community of N. Columbia County) – “Thankfully the Tribunal’s judicial vicars are available as experts on the rules for Catholic & mixed marriages as well as annulments, if needed, and the technicalities of Canon Law...a small example of my reliance on Diocesan departments. Personally, I also would not have afforded seminary tuition, room and board were it not for Diocesan Appeal donors during that time.”

Eileen Earle (Pastoral Assoc. for Parish Life & Management, Corpus Christi, Round Lake) – “In my parish role, the Diocesan Appeal supports the offices I use on a regular basis. I’m on speed dial with Human Resources and Building Services was crucial in helping us with recent roof replacement & mold remediation. The various programs spearheaded last year by Tom in Evangelization were also very meaningful to our parish.”

These are just a glimpse of the parish-diocese partnership—your parish staff have their own story to tell! “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety” - Proverbs 11:14. **Your gift to the Diocesan Appeal makes this partnership possible – YOU have the power to impact the strength and future of your parish and our greater Catholic Church!** [Can we count on your gift or pledge today?](#)

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