



Rev. Msgr. Tierney

Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension

Our priests devote their lives to bringing people closer to Christ, and in retirement, our priests continue to serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, ministers to the sick and much more. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, the Diocese has a Priests' Pension Plan to support our 57 currently retired priests and those that will retire in the future.

Rev. Msgr. Tierney has served our Diocese for more than 50 years. He continues to do so by assisting the pastors in celebrating the sacraments in parishes, and teaching in the Ministry Formation and Diaconate Formation programs during his retirement. We thank you, Msgr. Tierney, and all our priests for your continued faithful service in retirement. Last year, the faithful of our Diocese contributed \$172,343.

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MISSION APPEAL

2017

COMBINED COLLECTION
FOR THE
UNIVERSAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 22, 2017

A Message from Bishop Malloy

October 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis has asked us to reflect on the mission at the heart of our Christian Faith as we prepare for World Mission Sunday on October 22nd. The generosity and missionary spirit of the Church and the Diocese of Rockford benefit the overall mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved throughout the world.

Jesus did not simply stay home and wait for people to come to Him. Instead, he reached out to all, but especially to the poor, the hungry and the forgotten. Each day, throughout the world, missionaries reach out to the modern day needy, and not only those needy in body but also those who are needy in spirit. Our missionary efforts seek to clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and feed those who have nothing. We do this to not only care for our neighbor, but we do so that Jesus might be known and loved in the world.



Most Reverend David J. Malloy

Our diocesan parishes will hold the annual collection for the Mission Appeal, which supports the Church's outreach, spreading the Word of God not only in the United States of America, but also in mission countries and situations abroad. This Mission Appeal includes: World Mission Sunday; Missions in the United States; the Church in Latin America and the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru; Membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; and the Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension. For the Catholic elementary schools in our Diocese, we have created a special opportunity for you to assist grade schools that have operating deficits and need your help to become financially viable.

Each one of us is called to proclaim our faith and encourage others, both near and far, to grow closer to our Lord. Our diocesan priests, religious priests and sisters continually say yes to God's call to teach His message. Please join with them in their mission to proclaim our faith by supporting the Mission Appeal. Thank you in advance for your generosity for this worthy cause!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday celebrates our unity as a worldwide community of believers and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of priests, religious and lay catechists among the suffering and poor of the Missions worldwide.

We should encourage prayer, personal sacrifice and generous financial support for the more than 1,111 dioceses throughout the world. With your help, the Diocese distributed \$88,294.

Please visit: www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/WorldMissionSunday.aspx

The Church in Latin America

The Church in Latin America Appeal funds the formation of seminarians, religious sisters and brothers and lay leaders serving the Church in this area of the world. Also, it supports pastoral projects that enrich the lives of believers throughout Latin America. In some cases, this is the only resource individual parishes have to sustain the development of their parishioners. From this collection, \$10,000 was sent to the US Bishops' Office for Latin America last year. Visit their website: www.usccb.org/latinamerica

This Appeal also supports the Rockford Diocese's connection with the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru. Our sister diocese used our \$14,684 gift to train leaders and promote the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Missions in the United States

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds important pastoral projects in our poorer dioceses, where there are not enough resources to provide evangelization, religious education, and ministry training to their faithful. More than 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions.

Visit: www.usccb.org for more information.

Evangelization and 143 years of service among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities has been the singular purpose of the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Visit www.blackandindianmission.org.

With your help, the Diocese distributed \$35,311 to each of these collections.



Membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (SPF)

Would you consider making an extra special commitment to the missionary work of the Church as a member of the Propagation of the Faith? Please pray daily for the Church's missionary work, offer your personal cross in union with the suffering of Christ for the redemption of unknown men and women, and donate financially whenever you can during the year.

By designating this appeal on the Mission Appeal envelope, your name and address will be sent to the National SPF Office. Last year \$32,229 was contributed.

Please visit: www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx

Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford



To ensure that we maintain the opportunity for parents to enroll their children in the excellent Catholic elementary schools within our Diocese, we have created a special way for you to assist the Diocese of Rockford in supporting schools that have operating deficits and need your help to become financially viable. Your support through prayer and donations will help our underprivileged schools continue to provide a quality education, and religious and moral formation in a world badly in need of Gospel values. Thanks to your generous gifts, we gave \$53,066 to needy schools in our Diocese this year!

For more information or to donate visit:
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