



Rev. Msgr. McDonnell

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 55 currently retired priests and those that will retire in the future.

Rev. Msgr. P. William McDonnell has served our Diocese for more than 54 years. He continues to do so by assisting the pastors in celebrating the sacraments in parishes, and recently completed a three-year commitment as the chaplain at the Pontifical North American Seminary in Rome. We thank you, Msgr. McDonnell, and all our priests for your continued faithful service in retirement. Last year, the faithful of our Diocese contributed \$172,217.

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MISSION APPEAL

2018

COMBINED COLLECTION FOR THE UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Message from Bishop Malloy

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We are offering a new opportunity within our annual Mission Appeal to assist the Church in Africa. The Catholic faith is expanding rapidly in Africa, but often there are not enough local pastoral resources to support this new and exciting growth of the Church. When you contribute to this collection, you help people across that continent grow closer to Christ and His Church.

This annual appeal supports several fruitful efforts in the Church. Those also include World Mission Sunday; Missions in the United States; the Church in Latin America; membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; the Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension and needy Catholic elementary schools in our own Diocese.

In his current letter about World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis talks about life as a mission. "The Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us," he says. Through this collection, we can help provide new hope to those who labor in missionary fields here and abroad. Like the women and men who supported Jesus and his apostles through their personal means, we can uplift the Church's modern day evangelists and those they serve in parts of the world where resources are few.

Each one of us is called to proclaim our faith and encourage others, both near and far, to grow closer to our Lord. Through this appeal, we can join these missionary efforts and say yes to God's call to teach His message.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity in support of this worthy Mission Appeal!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford



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The Mission Appeal Supports:



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.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. For more information, visit their website: www.blackandindianmission.org.

With your help, the Diocese distributed \$32,192 to each of these collections.



Catholic Elementary School Financial Support

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. Thanks to your generous gifts, we gave \$71,531 to needy schools in our Diocese last year!

For more information or to donate visit: www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

With your help, last year the Diocese distributed \$62,163.

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



The Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is growing rapidly, but often there are not enough local resources to provide pastoral care for all the communities. By supporting this collection, your parishioners help others to grow in their faith across the African continent.

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. It also 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, \$16,200 was sent to the US Bishops' Office for Latin America last year.

Visit their website: www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

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 \$7,621 was contributed. Please visit: www.propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx for further information.