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Monsignor Kobsbennan and all our parishes for your continued faithful service in retirement. Last year, the faithful of our Diocese contributed \$154,903.

Monsignor Kobsbennan and supporting other parishes as needed. We thank you!

Program, talents celebrating the sacraments, instructing in the Ministry Formation in our Diocese for 54 years. In retirement he continues to use his time and talents to bring people closer to Christ, in retirement.

After dedicating their lives to bring people closer to Christ, in retirement Diocese has a Priests' Pension Plan to support our 46 currently retired priests sick and much more. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, the our priests continue to serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, ministers to the sick and much more.

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## ROCKFORD DIOCESAN PRIESTS' PENSION



# 20 | COMBINED 20 | APPEALS

## DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

FOR THE UNIVERSAL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 17-18



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### A Message from Bishop Malloy

OCTOBER 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

"The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a program, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself."

This quote from Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2020 is true today even within the COVID 19 pandemic. Missionaries are still on the move, still serving, but perhaps in new ways. Our annual Mission Appeal is the last of the 3 combined appeals that we provide throughout the year (the National Appeal is held each year in January, and the International Appeal is held each year in March).

This Mission Appeal supports several important efforts in the Church in one combined collection. Instead of separate parish collections for World Mission Sunday; Missions in the United States; the Church in Latin America; and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, this one opportunity will allow you to support them all at once, and also the Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension and our needy Catholic elementary schools.

The Mission Appeal is also an occasion for reaffirming that our prayer, reflection and material donations are, as Pope Francis says, "opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church."

Each of us is called, as a missionary of Christ, to proclaim our faith and encourage others, near and far, to grow closer to our Lord. Through this combined appeal, we can say yes to God's call to spread His good news.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend David J. Malloy  
Bishop of Rockford

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## THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

This appeal supports the Church in African countries including Kenya, Tanzania, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe.

The Church in Africa is growing rapidly, but often there are not enough local resources to provide pastoral care for all the communities. The Church in this part of the world needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. With your help, last year the Diocese distributed \$27,074.

[usccb.org/churchinafrica](http://usccb.org/churchinafrica)

## 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 and witness of these churches 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 \$48,479.

[missio.org/](http://missio.org/)

## 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? As a member, you will 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 \$7,051 was contributed.

[propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx](http://propfaith.net/onefamilyinmission/default.aspx)

## THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Religious sisters and nuns serving in Latin America are among those supported by this appeal. They are the very heart of the Church. By supporting their material and educational needs, you help them give their gifts of selfless prayer and service to the Church and to the entire world. Your generosity ensures that their mission to children and entire families continues into the future. From this collection, \$22,839 was sent to the US Bishops' Office for Latin America last year.

[www.usccb.org/latinamerica](http://www.usccb.org/latinamerica)



## MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

### The Catholic Home Missions

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. With your help, last year the Diocese distributed \$34,575.

[usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

### Black and Indian Mission Collection

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) provides helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities. With your help, last year the Diocese distributed \$34,575.

[blackandindianmission.org](http://blackandindianmission.org)