



That All May Be One

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN my desire that all of us come to a deeper understanding of who we are as a diocesan church and to feel related to its life and mission." These are the words of Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill, who began our annual diocesan appeal 50 years ago. This year, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the Rockford Diocesan Appeal, know that the success of our mission would not be possible without your generosity.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one ..."

JOHN 17:20

When Jesus prays to His Father, He not only prays for His Disciples, but for all believers. "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (John 17:20-21). Jesus knew that He must return to the Father before the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost who would equip and strengthen His disciples for the difficult challenges ahead, that the

disciples might be united in body, mind and spirit as they worked as His one Church in mission. His prayer, then, is for all disciples: all believers, even today. That includes you!

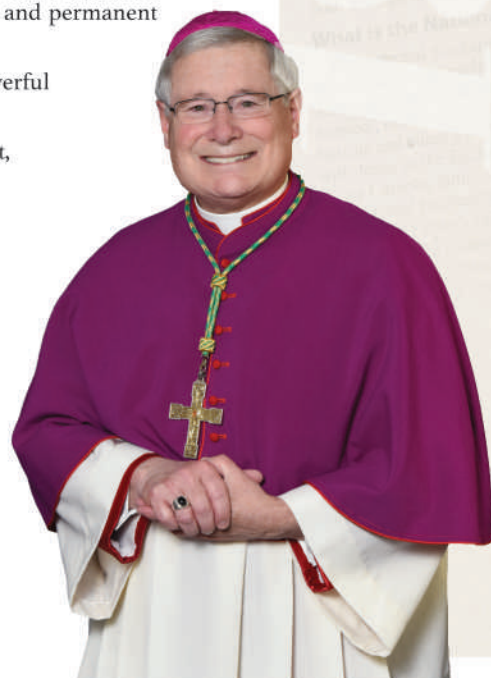
Your donation to our 2025 Diocesan Appeal helps support the many ministries of the Diocese of Rockford that carry out the universal mission of the Church: sharing the truth of the Gospel. Would you please prayerfully consider a contribution to our appeal? Your generous contribution allows us to respond to those in need, care for the souls of young and old, and prepare men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *David J. Malloy*

MOST REVEREND
DAVID J MALLOY,
BISHOP OF ROCKFORD



Key areas



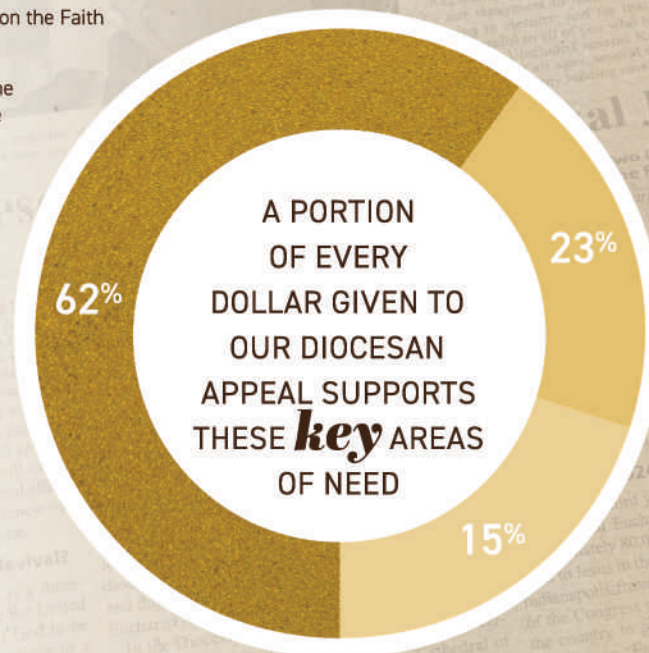
15% FORMING and Supporting Clergy



62% PROCLAIMING the Gospel and Passing on the Faith



23% CARING for the Poor and Vulnerable



The Diocesan Appeal directly helps your parish through its support of Catholic Charities, education, vocations, and administration. Your donation helps keep your parish and our diocese strong.



CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal support those who need our help the most: the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, the elderly, and the unborn. By contributing to our appeal, you help support local efforts to serve all of God's people with compassion, dignity, and respect, in solidarity with the Church.

Programs and ministries funded include:
Catholic Charities
LiFE Office
St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center

FORMING AND SUPPORTING CLERGY

The Diocese of Rockford is blessed to have 13 young men attending seminary and preparing for priestly ministry, and another 13 men studying to be ordained to the permanent diaconate. In the past year 41 men attended summer vocation retreats! Your prayers and generosity help form the next generation of priests and Church leaders. Your gift also provides needed health care and pension support for our 34 retired priests who have faithfully served our diocese.

Programs and ministries funded include:
Vicar for Clergy Office
Permanent Diaconate Program
Seminary Education
Vocations Office
Priest Health Care & Pensions

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND PASSING ON THE FAITH

Your generous contribution to the Diocesan Appeal funds programs, ministries and evangelization efforts that ensure the joy of our faith is passed on to future generations. Our diocese helps prepare leaders of religious education programs for more than 14,730 children, provides programming for adults, and important resources for our 105 parishes to encourage encounters with Christ for people of all ages. In our Catholic schools, the inspiration of Jesus Christ can be found daily in our classrooms, prayers, worship, witness, and service. This unique education process prepares our students to respond to God's plan and live their lives for the glory of God, in joyful service to all.

Programs and ministries funded include:

Youth Ministry Office
Campus Ministry Office
Catholic Education Office
Adult Faith Formation Office
Hispanic Ministry and Regional Ministries
Divine Worship Office
Bishop Lane Retreat Center
Diocesan administrative resources and services for parishes, and more

WE ARE STEWARDS OF GOD'S BOUNTY
OUR TIME
OUR TALENTS
OUR TREASURES

Diocese of Rockford
Dear Bishop O'Neill
Yes, I'll help with my...
You can count on me to...
this vital Diocesan program...
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
HOME PHONE _____
PLEASE