



Faith Formation

Learning about our faith or deepening our understanding of Christ's teachings allows Him to become alive in our lives. There are so many ways we bring people closer to Jesus, whether it's bringing people into the faith through RCIA, building up the faith through Adult Faith Formation, or participating in Catholic Social Ministry and Marriage and Family Life programs. Your donation gives support to programs that focus on evangelizing and spreading the Word, helping to grow the Church to enrich our lives.

“If we want to receive Mercy, we have to give it. But more than that we have to teach it, live it, model it, and witness it. Through this we can be Christ for others.”

— Fr. Clayton Elmhurst
Queen of the Apostles Parish
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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

*H*eavenly Father, Eternal God, You teach us generosity of self through the Gift of Jesus. Through Jesus you bring us to an awareness of virtue that touches our hearts and allows us to be like You: generous.

Selfless love changes the world; Your Son has established that. We are made new by the practice of kindness and mercy, following His example.

We pray that in our Diocese we may come to know a charity that expresses itself beyond the desires of this world, and in so doing may our treasure truly be found where our hearts are.

Grant us a spirit of generosity for the success of our Diocesan Annual Appeal and help us to fund the works of charity and support the efforts of Gospel joy in our lives.

Amen

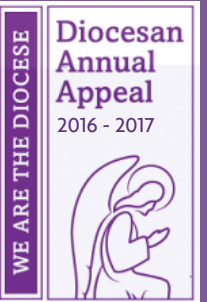


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SHARING THE PROMISE OF MERCY





HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

Jesus' teachings call us to be generous with all we have been given and to support the works laid out for us by Him. Your prayers and sacrificial, financial gifts support the 38 charitable, pastoral, and educational missions in our diocese.

This Jubilee Year of Mercy has been filled with great blessings for our Diocese. It is God who is rich in mercy and He invites us to share what we have received with those around us. Every day, countless good works are happening because you support the Annual Appeal. We continue, with God's grace, to help others in their most desperate moments. Every time a child finds safety and hope, a family has a breakthrough, a seminarian moves closer to ordination or a student is able to stay in Catholic school, know that your generosity is at work.

I am grateful and proud, as your bishop, for all your efforts to make this year's appeal successful.

God be with you,

Most Rev. William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse

“No one is excluded from the Mercy of God!”

— Pope Francis

Vocations & Clergy

Your contribution helps support the 32 seminarians, the 121 active priests and the 47 senior priests serving the parishes and institutions of our diocese. Through their dedication and guidance, we are reminded of the boundless Mercy of God. These men have answered the Lord's call to serve Him by serving the people of God.

Charity & Missions

Acting as the caring and helping hands of the



Catholic Church, Catholic Charities shares the promise of Mercy with everyone who is in need. Last year alone, more than 40,000 people within our diocese turned to Catholic Charities for financial

Your Gift Makes an Impact on these Ministries

advice, adoption services and housing issues, just to name a few. Through your support, Catholic Charities can continue to share God's Mercy.

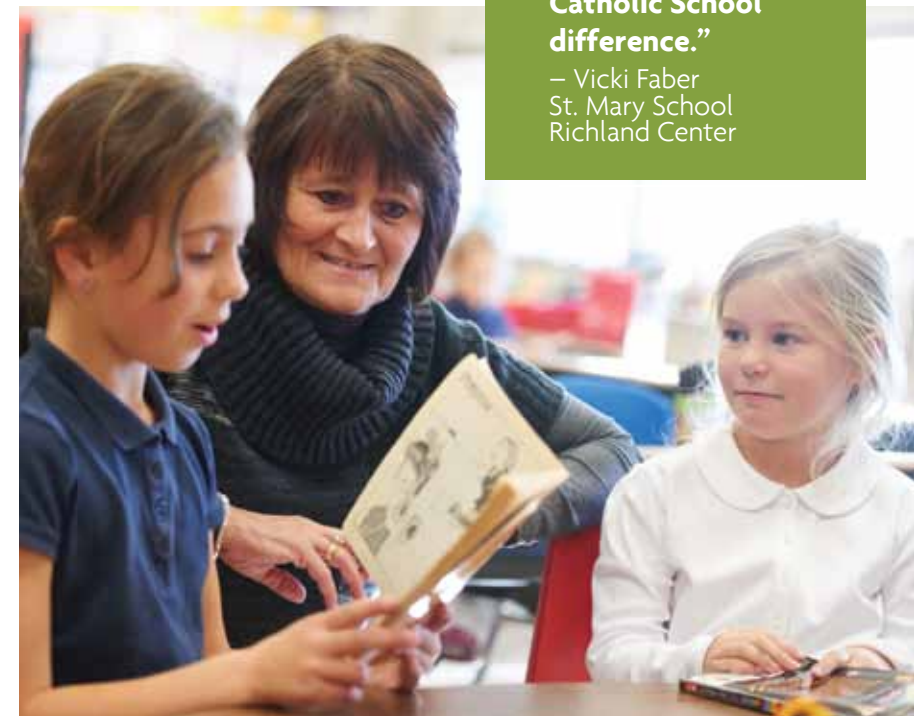
Catholic Education

Investing in Catholic Education has the power to transform not only a child's life of faith, but also the faith life of their family. Providing an opportunity

for children to learn in a faith filled environment will lead to their better understanding of God and of themselves. When a child is excited to share what they learn about their Catholic faith, know your efforts are having an effect.

“It's wonderful to see our kids starting to evangelize their parents and that's the Catholic School difference.”

— Vicki Faber
St. Mary School
Richland Center



Overview of Needs: \$5,563,760

