



FAITH + HOPE + LOVE

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE FORMATION OF FAITH by investing in the priesthood, catechist, Catholic schools, and first and foremost the source of formation, the family. Several of our priests share with us their particular journey, from their hearing of the call, through their formation, to how they steward their gifts in service to others. Their journeys are unique and inspiring. Your investment in the Diocesan Annual Appeal supports our priests, from the beginning while they are discerning their call to their final care so they can invest their time fully into their talents so they may bear the treasure of their formation, service.

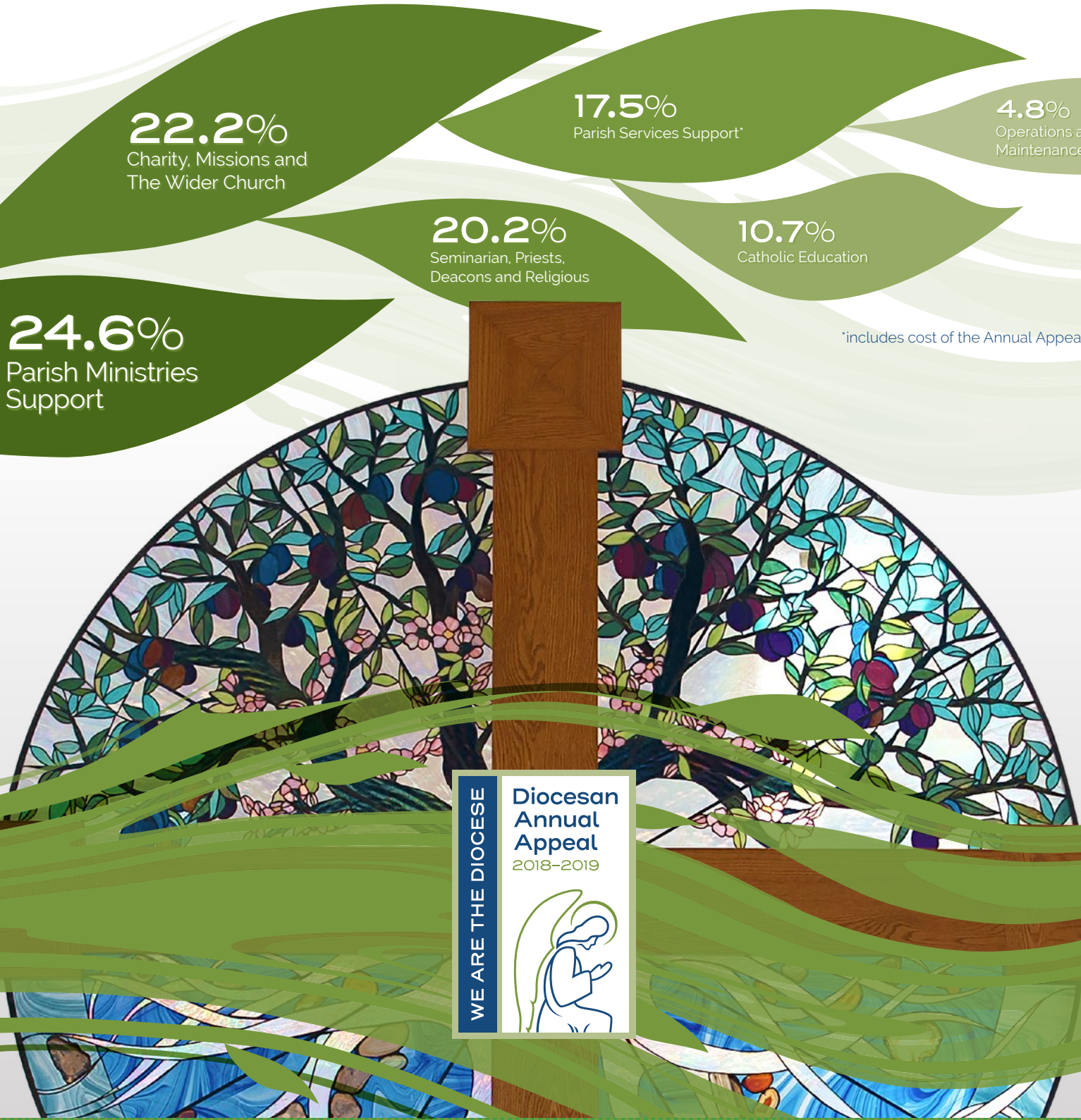
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CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD. OUR FAITH IS A GIFT FROM GOD. Both of these grow and flourish through the perseverance of prayer, education, and by the well-formed modeling of others. Catholic schools are an opportunity to reaffirm the goodness of the virtues lived at home. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an opportunity to invest in the hope of future generations. It was a Christ guided hope for the future of those who came before us that built the churches, schools, and hospitals in our communities to celebrate their faith, providing for the hope of future generations, and provides care for the love of their neighbor, to live their mission in service of the Christ and his Church. Families from across our diocesan community share their stories of how and why they invest in Catholic education not only for the hope of well-formed children but also for the betterment of our communities.

STEWARDSHIP IS THE SERVICE OF LOVE IN ACTION. It is the culmination of welcoming communities, our prayers, education, and formation. Investing our time, talents, and treasures changes our communities it builds up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Catholic Charities is stewardship it is love in action, for many who are struggling and in need. Investing in the Diocesan Annual Appeal helps Catholic Charities to bring, hope and the physical and spiritual healing realities of our faith to those whose lives are in need of mending. Catholic Charities is just one of the 38 ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thirty-eight ministries that provide a restoring branch from the vine that is our Lord Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters in need.

DIOCESAN CASE STATEMENT ALLOCATION 2018-2019

\$5,675,035





DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018-2019 PRAYER

Holy and Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We thank you for having called our ancestors who in the hope of Christ Jesus, settled, endured, and evangelized this land, stewarding their gifts, with works of faith and labors of love.

O, God only with Your guiding hand can we build communities that are signs of Your presence, and share the Good News of salvation for all peoples.

Your servant Father Joseph Waljewski, sharing in Your compassion for humanity put himself unconditionally at the service of the Church for the kingdom here on earth. Through his intercession, we rely on his help to steward our gifts so we may bring the healing touch of Christ who calls us to holiness and to Mission.

Holy Mary, the Mother of Hope, sustain us in faith; guide us your children as we seek the Heavenly Kingdom of God.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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DIOCESE OF LACROSSE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A milestone like the Diocesan Sesquicentennial allows us an opportunity to contemplate the missionary spirit of the generations before us whose works of faith, labors of love, and endurance of hope in Jesus Christ reveals the investment of their gifts as the reality of today's parishes, schools, hospitals, and our beloved Diocese at large. Today, we stand upon their missionary zeal and accomplishments.

As I reflect on that missionary spirit, I am grateful for theirs and for your stewardship calling to mind Saint Paul's praise of God in thanksgiving for the Thessalonian community. "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Thes 1:2-3). It is from this quote that we draw this year's theme for our Diocesan Annual Appeal – *Endurance in Hope*. Today we embrace our missionary works through the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the many works of our parish communities and through works like that of our own Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski who because he embraced the missionary spirit heeding the Lord's call for building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

As we invest our time, talents, and treasures in our diocesan community, our missionary spirit lives, endowing on earth the compassion and mercy of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, I humbly invite, and in anticipation of your generosity and charity, I sincerely thank you as you consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal – *Endurance in Hope*.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saints Joseph and Francis, our patrons may God's blessings be upon you,

+ William Patrick Reish



We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and Endurance in Hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

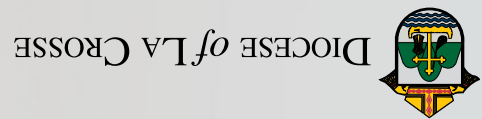
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