

WORKING TOGETHER  
**JOY**  
SHARING  
STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH



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Dear <<Salutation>>,

May the Lord grant you peace.

We live in a world that may seem, at times, to be changing at a dizzying pace. In a world characterized by significant and continuous scientific and technological innovation, political upheaval, and cultural unrest, we often live our daily lives with a frantic energy that informs the world in which we reside. At this accelerated pace, we focus on meeting the urgent needs of our daily existence and have little time to consider the important broader context of grace and virtues that should be leading our lives.

Pope Francis, in his first encyclical, Lumen Fidei, draws our attention to what should serve as our foundation for living and the consequences for not embracing it:

*Faith is the fundamental orientation which unifies our existence: without it, our life breaks down into a series of uncounted instants*

It is our faith in the enduring love of our heavenly Father, revealed and made manifest in his Son, Jesus Christ that should serve as the foundation that informs all that we do daily. Our faith does not only provide us with guiding principles upon which we should fashion our lives but it also, by virtue of our baptism, calls us to a life of universal holiness through sharing the joy of both service and discipleship with our brothers and sisters in faith.

Each year, the Diocesan Annual Appeal provides each of us with the opportunity to embrace this call to discipleship and to reaffirm the faith that should serve as the foundation upon which we build our lives. Your support of this annual program provides essential support to Diocesan ministries and programs that ensure the healing, teaching, and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for your brothers and sisters in faith throughout the nineteen counties of southwest Wisconsin.

Your generous support to the Diocesan Annual Appeal ensures that these essential programs can fulfill their charitable mission and inspired thousands of others within the Diocese of La Crosse to follow your example of generous stewardship. It is my sincere hope that you prayerfully consider investing into this vital campaign and, in so doing, reaffirm your foundational call to universal holiness, discipleship, and service to our brothers and sisters in faith.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

Very truly yours in Christ,

*+ William Patrick O'Brien*



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## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019-2020 PRAYER

Holy and Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for Your gifts of time, talent, and treasures manifested in our daily lives.

We pray, Father, for the openness of heart; Jesus, we ask for the ability to recognize Your gifts in ourselves as well as in our brothers and sisters; Holy Spirit, we ask for Your guidance for us to live the life of stewardship for which we were created and called.

St. Joseph, we ask you as the Patron of our Diocese, intercede for us, be a model in our use of our time, talents, and treasures by living the command of Jesus, working together and sharing the Joy of the Gospel, for the building up of the Kingdom to Heaven here on earth.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, so gracious, our model of humility, help us and encourage us, strengthen us in our faith, so we may generously answer the Lord's call with a resounding yes to a life of service for which the Father created us, Jesus calls us, and the Holy Spirit guides us.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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your support*

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