



Life has changed. It is important to realize, however, that Christ's love for us has not changed and our love of Christ has not changed. One of the great missions of the Church is to provide hope and help, and that, too, has not changed.

The work and the spirit of the Catholic Church must carry on! We must not lose hope. We must not lose sight of what Christ calls us to do. The Catholic Church is still important! The Catholic Church is still relevant! *His Church Is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, and His Church Is You and Me* the great work of uplifting and inspiring those around us and leading each other to the Kingdom of Heaven.

When challenged about the relevance of our faith and its effectiveness in our lives, we must remain resolute about the person of Jesus Christ. Every day we witness how hope impacts the lives of so many of God's people here in our beloved diocese. Through our many ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, we continue to 'Love Thy, Neighbor.'

EVERY HUMAN HEART AWAITS THIS GOOD NEWS. IT IS, 'THE CONTAGION OF HOPE.'

- POPE FRANCIS EASTER 2020

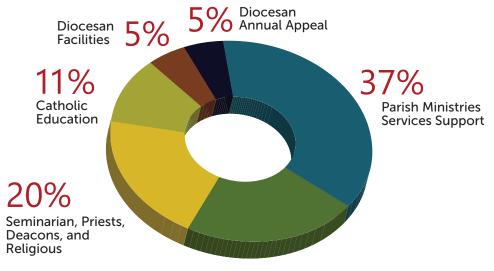
I ask for your generosity to our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our 38 ministries, funded and supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, serve many of our neighbors, our brothers, and sisters. They need our prayers and assistance. These ministries also enable us to share the joy of the Gospel.

Thank you for your generosity to our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for keeping the faith. Thank you for remaining hopeful.

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



2019-2020 **\$5,675,035**Diocesan Annual Appeal Disbursements



22% Charity, Missions & The Wider Church





DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020-2021 PRAYER

Heavenly Father, together in humility, we thank you for the gifts of our time, our talents, and for the treasures that you so generously bestow upon one and all.

We pray Lord for you to strengthen our love of neighbor, so we may serve as a contagion of hope for those who are weakened by a world of sadness and discouragement.

Holy St. Joseph, our patron, we implore you, in your example of faithful stewardship, to guide us as we care for what has been lovingly entrusted to us for the good of the other. We ask that you intercede for us, raising our needs before our Lord Jesus Christ to bolster our hope, strengthen our faith, as we unite in the charity of neighbor.

We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



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