

Subject: "Your Legacy of Love and Service: A Special Message from Bishop Emeritus Callahan."

Dear [Recipient's Name],

Peace be with you.

Reflecting on our shared journey, I am deeply grateful for your unwavering faith and generosity. The support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal has been a cornerstone of our mission, shaping the Diocese of La Crosse and the wider Church community.

Through your contributions, we have witnessed the transformative power of faith in our seminarians' Journey and Regency programs, FOCUS campus ministries, our special outreach to the Hmong people, and many more. The generosity of our Diocese has enriched our local community and extended our reach globally, offering hope to those trapped in poverty and despair.

As we look to the future, I humbly ask you to consider supporting this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gift will continue to fuel our mission and transform lives in the name of Christ.

In the spirit of Ecclesiastes 4:12, remember that "*a cord of three strands is not easily broken.*" Your support strengthens our mission and allows us to bring the Gospel to all corners of the earth.

Watch your mailbox in the coming days for your chance to participate and invest in our ministries and mission. Or go to <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> to donate online.

With deepest gratitude and fondest blessings and personal good wishes and prayers, I remain yours, in the service of Jesus and Mary,

Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan,
Bishop Emeritus of La Crosse

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"P.S. If you've already sent your gift, thank you so much! Our letters may have crossed paths in the mail. Please continue to pray for the success of the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the ministries it supports.