

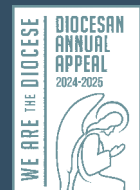


2024-2025 |

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL





TOGETHER IN FAITH, SERVICE, AND GENEROSITY

As we journey together in faith, we find inspiration in St. Paul's words to the Corinthians: "For we are co-workers in God's service" (1 Corinthians 3:9). These profound words reflect the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, where we strive not only to worship God and teach the Catholic faith but also to serve the needs of our fellow human beings. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an invitation for every community member to unite in a shared mission of faith and service.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST

As co-workers in God's vineyard, each of us plays a crucial role in building up the Church. Your unique gifts and talents contribute to the flourishing of our diocesan community. The Annual Appeal is not just a request for financial support; it is an invitation for you to become actively engaged in the life of the Church, fostering unity and collaboration. In this journey, remember, you are not alone—each of us is a vital part of our greater Catholic family.



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A CALL TO GENEROSITY AND SERVICE

Generosity is one of the most profound ways we serve others. Consider this: How often do we view giving as an act that reflects the generosity of Christ? Your contribution, large or small, is a powerful expression of faith, enabling the Diocese to continue its mission. It is a source of personal joy and fulfillment, reminding us that giving helps others and enriches our hearts.

In his Lenten message, Pope Paul VI emphasized the necessity of self-sacrifice and charity, urging us to ensure that no one lacks what is essential for human development. This spirit of generosity is at the heart of the Annual Appeal, calling all to contribute according to their means and building a culture of love and support within our community.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Through the Annual Appeal, we do more than fund the Church's mission; we affirm our commitment to being united in love, as Christ desires. Every donation, including yours, is a testament to faith, making a tangible difference

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in the lives of others. Acts of kindness, whether a Deacon assisting a family in need, a Catholic school principal guiding young minds, or parishioners volunteering in youth ministries, reflect God's love in action.

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SUPPORTING OUR MISSION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Our parishes thrive in times of uncertainty because of your generosity. Your support enables us to continue God's work, from supporting Catholic schools to providing for

HEAVENLY FATHER,

We come before You with humble hearts, seeking the success of our Diocesan Annual Appeal. We are called through our baptism and fortified by the Eucharist. Unite us as one in purpose and faith that we may carry out Your Son's mission with apostolic zeal.

God, grant us wisdom and strength to work harmoniously, reflecting the unity and love of the Holy Trinity. With Your Sanctifying Grace, help us overcome challenges and bless our undertakings, making them fruitful.

Jesus, acknowledging that, as Your Word teaches, we are Your co-workers, may we glorify Your Holy Name, bringing forth the fruits of Your kingdom, lifting up each other, especially those in most need.

Holy Spirit of God guide our actions and decisions so that they may be grace-filled, fostering community and service. Inspire us with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the examples of all the holy saints so our charitable works shine with the radiance of the light of God.

We ask this with confidence through Christ our Lord.

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those in need. By contributing to this year's Annual Appeal, you help sustain vital ministries that serve the vulnerable and ensure the growth of our diocesan family.

DEEPEN YOUR COMMITMENT

To join us in this mission, please consider donating at diolc.org/coworker. Your financial support directly impacts the health and vibrancy of our Church's ministries and outreach programs. We encourage you to take this step today and be a part of our shared mission.

TOGETHER, WE BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

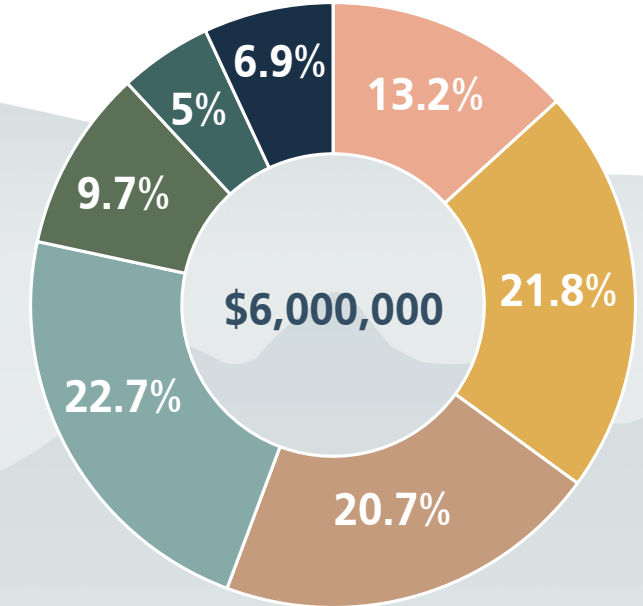
Let us unite as one body to proclaim the Gospel and serve those in need. Every gift, regardless of size, is essential to our mission. Together, we build a stronger, more vibrant community that reflects Christ's love and advances the work of the Church. It's the collective action of each of us that truly makes a difference.

May this Annual Appeal inspire a renewed commitment to our shared mission as we work together to build God's kingdom on earth.



2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CASE STATEMENT ALLOCATION

Office of Stewardship & Development	\$415,795
Diocesan Facilities: Operations & Maintenance	\$298,105
Catholic Education & Formation	\$584,004
Charity, Missions & The Wider Church	\$1,360,000
Parish Services Support	\$1,240,470
Parish Ministries Support	\$1,307,234
Seminarian, Priests, Deacons, and Religious	\$794,392





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