

May 9, 2025

Dear << Salutation >>,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

I've been deeply thankful this year since coming to the Diocese of La Crosse to meet with many of you across our beautiful nineteen counties. To witness the impact of your generosity over the past year and years preceding, whether in support of our seminarians and Catholic education, reaching out to those in need through Catholic Charities, spreading Christ's compassion and mercy to those in need. Your commitment to our shared mission gives me hope for tomorrow and the courage to embrace Jesus' call to come and follow him.

Your contributions are candidly essential to my mission as your bishop and our shared mission as disciples of Christ. Your support for the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables me, along with my coworkers, to direct our missionary efforts in a way that is most advantageous to the flourishing of faith in West-Central Wisconsin.

As we approach the completion of this year's Appeal, I invite you to consider contributing to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Whether you've supported this appeal in the past or this is your very first time, your contribution is vital to our shared mission. Together, as St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:9, we are "coworkers in God's service," building a future filled with faith, hope, and love. Every donation—large or small—shares in the overall effort to concretely make Christ's mercy present in the Diocese. Let's take this opportunity to finish strong together and joyfully celebrate our unity as one Diocesan family!

I warmly invite you to use the enclosed envelope or scan the QR code in your brochure to visit www.diolc.org/coworker and make a secure online gift to support the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your response by June 30 will help ensure our ministries continue to thrive and create a positive impact in the coming year!

Thank you for living out your faith and supporting the Church's mission. Your witness and generosity are genuinely appreciated and make a significant difference. I am profoundly grateful for your support.

With prayerful gratitude and every blessing,

In Christ,

Bishop Gerard Battersby

P.S.: If you have already sent in your gift, it may have crossed paths in the mail.

P.S.S.: Many in our community find it meaningful and tax-advantageous to give through stock, donor-advised funds, Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), or commodities. If this opportunity is right for you, we invite you to consider making a gift before June 30.