



# FUELING MISSIONS OF HOPE

AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.  
— JOHN 20:21

In the Gospel of John, after His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (John 20:21). This powerful statement serves as the foundation for our call to mission. This call resonates deeply with the theme of our Diocesan Annual Appeal: “Fueling Missions of Hope.”

This year, as we approach the end of the Jubilee Year, ‘Pilgrims of Hope,’ we are reminded of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV’s invitation to journey with renewed faith and purpose. Bishop Battersby’s vision for a Church on mission, not maintenance, further encourages us to actively participate in spreading the Gospel and serving those in need. Your support is crucial in this mission.

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Our Diocesan Annual Appeal, “Fueling Missions of Hope,” is not just a call to action, but a direct lifeline to our community. Your generous contributions enable our diocese to:

- **Support the Formation of Priests and Deacons:** These men are called to be ministers of God’s mercy, carrying on the apostolic ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.
- **Strengthen Catechetical Programs:** By educating the faithful, especially the young, in the teachings of the Church, we prepare them to receive and share the gifts of peace, joy, and forgiveness.
- **Fund Outreach Initiatives:** These programs bring the hope of Christ to those on the margins, demonstrating the Church’s commitment to serving all people and fostering reconciliation in the community.
- **Maintain Essential Diocesan Services:** These services provide the infrastructure necessary for parishes and ministries to thrive, ensuring that the Church can continue its mission effectively.

Just as Jesus sent His disciples, so too are we sent to be pilgrims of hope, bringing the light of Christ to a world in need. Your support for the Diocesan Annual Appeal is not just an option, but a crucial investment in the Church’s ongoing mission, enabling us to continue “Fueling Missions of Hope” and share the transformative power of the Gospel’s good news, God’s mercy, and forgiveness with all.

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