



FUELING MISSIONS OF HOPE

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

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, Divine Advocate, You who proceed from the Father and the Son, we humbly invoke Your presence and guidance.

Breathe into our hearts a renewed sense of mission, as Jesus breathed on His apostles and said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Enkindle in us a burning desire to share the hope found in the Gospel with all those who dwell in darkness and despair.

Grant us the wisdom to recognize the needs of our brothers and sisters, and the courage to respond with generosity and compassion through the success of this Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Bless our efforts to fuel the missions of hope within our diocese, that we may bring comfort to the afflicted, healing to the broken, and evangelize the lost.

Inspire us to give freely and abundantly, knowing that every gift, no matter how small, contributes to the building of Your Kingdom on earth.

May our actions be a testament to our faith, and may our lives reflect the love and mercy of Christ.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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