

"Fueling Missions of Hope" is rich with theological and symbolic meaning. Here's an in-depth interpretation of its key colors, shapes, and scriptural reference:



FUELING MISSIONS OF HOPE

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



Blue Cross

- **Symbolism:** The cross is the central symbol of Christianity, representing the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The blue color traditionally signifies heaven, divinity, truth, and fidelity.
- **Catholic meaning:** It underscores our faith in God, the authority of Christ, and the commission to evangelize. The association with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who bore Christ into the world, further strengthens the Church's mission to bring Christ to others, reinforcing our divine authority and mission, making each of us an integral part of this sacred mission.



Red Flame

- **Symbolism:** Fire is biblically symbolic of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:3 – “tongues of fire”) and divine presence.
- **Catholic meaning:** The red suggests zeal, sacrifice, courage, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. It energizes the mission of the Church and those sent forth by Christ.



Yellow/Gold Waves and Streaks

- **Symbolism:** Yellow or gold is a symbol of glory, light, and the richness of divine grace.
 - **Catholic meaning:** These dynamic, outward-flowing shapes may represent movement, hope, and the spreading of the Gospel. They suggest vitality and abundance, reinforcing the idea of “fueling” — that we are supplying energy and resources for mission work.
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Overall Imagery & Composition

The cross, flame, and waves together form a powerful visual metaphor:

- The cross anchors the image, symbolizing the foundation of our faith.
- The flame represents the Holy Spirit and passionate discipleship.
- The golden streaks suggest that the Spirit and Church are in motion, going out into the world.

This mirrors the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) and directly ties into the scripture at the bottom of the logo. The elements of the logo, particularly the cross, flame, and waves, are designed to reflect the key aspects of the Great Commission, emphasizing the Church's mission to spread the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.



Scripture: John 20:21

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- This is Jesus' commission to the Apostles after His resurrection. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them immediately afterward, which aligns with the fire imagery and underscores the theme of mission and apostolic sending.
 - It affirms the idea that the Church's mission is divine in origin: just as the Father sent the Son, now the Son sends us — empowered by the Holy Spirit, nourished by faith and hope, and supported by the resources and generosity of the faithful.
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Thematic Interpretation: “Fueling Missions of Hope”

This title and logo together express the Diocese's mission:

- To inspire generosity that enables the Church's evangelizing, charitable, and pastoral works.
- To bring the light of Christ to others through service, outreach, and witness.

- To mobilize the faithful to respond to God's call with faith, hope, and love.

The 2025–2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal logo beautifully encapsulates both spiritual symbolism and a call to action. It invites all of us, as members of the Catholic community, to participate in the mission Christ entrusted to His Church. Let's join hands and fuel the missions of hope.