

## 2025–2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Fueling Missions of Hope

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I am pleased to officially launch our **2025–2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal**, with this year’s powerful theme: **Fueling Missions of Hope**.

This theme reminds us that we are all part of something much greater than ourselves — the mission of the Church to bring the hope of Christ to a world in need. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, “*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*” Each of us, by our baptism, is sent. We are called to be missionaries of hope — in our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

The Annual Appeal gives us a unique opportunity to respond to that call. Through our collective support, the Appeal helps:

- Prepare and educate future priests
- Feed the hungry and care for the poor
- Support Catholic schools and religious education
- Strengthening family life and youth ministry
- Serve the sick, the elderly, and the most vulnerable
- And so much more throughout our Diocese

Here at [**Parish Name**], our parish goal this year is **\$[insert goal amount]**. I invite each of you to prayerfully consider how you can participate. No gift is too small, and every offering makes a difference. Together, we can *fuel* the good work God is doing in our Church.

You will find commitment envelopes [**in the pews / the gathering space / mailed to your home**]. You can also give online at **[diolc.org/appeal](https://diolc.org/appeal)**.

Let us be generous. Let us be joyful in our giving, knowing that we are contributing to the greater good. And most of all, let us be hopeful — as we respond to Christ’s invitation to go forth and bring His love to others.

May God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity. I urge you to take action today by taking this to prayer. Then, return the commitment card mailed to you, or take a commitment card with you, fill it out, and return it to the Diocesan Center. Alternatively, you can also make an online donation.