



St. Francis, Brainerd

"Having participated in many Diocesan opportunities allowing me to focus on my spiritual growth, I continue to support UCA."

Karen Schloemer
ST. FRANCIS, BRAINERD

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Diocese through the United Catholic Appeal. Praying and working together, we spread the Light of Christ and build up the Church in Northeastern Minnesota —
Fr. James B. Bissonette



Your Generosity

\$30 Covers the unmet cost per attendee to the Annual Men's & Women's Conference

\$60 Per to assist couples to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

\$75 Provides the funding gap for one priest to attend the annual Clergy Study Day

\$100 Provides scholarships for Camp Survive and High School Retreats

\$150 Provides the unmet cost for Restored 2021

\$250 Enables one couple to prepare for marriage

\$360 Provides heat through emergency fuel funding

\$400 Funds a registration for the Child and Youth Protection Leadership Conference

\$1,000 Provides one liturgical ordination for a priest or deacon

\$2,500 Funds the average cost of speakers at conferences and training days

\$4,000 Provides the unmet cost for one year of diaconal study.

\$5,000 Provides emergency funding to the poor

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In Memoriam: Bishop Paul Sirba

September 2, 1960 –
December 1, 2019

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

— John 1:5



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Dear <Salutation>,

"Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith"

Every year you make an impact on people's lives by giving to the United Catholic Appeal. The gift and sacrifice you make by contributing to the UCA allows the mission of the local Church to touch the lives of so many people in many different ways. Often we don't see the ways in which UCA touches so many lives within our diocese. The truth is your gift makes a huge difference in the spiritual lives of so many people.

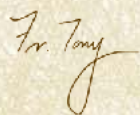
- *It's you that provide the chance for young people in our parish to attend diocesan camps, retreats, and faith experiences that are helping them grow in their Catholic faith.*
- *It's you that produce The Northern Cross so people can be informed throughout the diocese.*
- *It's you that provide men's and women's conferences and programs for engaged and married couples.*
- *It's you that impact hundreds of young people at the UMD Newman Center who are going to daily Mass, confession, adoration, bible studies, Sunday Masses, and more.*

The truth is, YOU are truly making a difference in people's lives by your generosity to UCA. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of your fellow parishioners, and you benefit in numerous ways too. Our youth are especially impacted by the great programming happening at our parish and in our diocese.

Each year our parishes have made their UCA goal, and we need you to help meet our goal this year. As you know, it causes a negative impact on our parish and its budget if we fall short of our goal. So we need YOU to help us make the goal.

I am grateful for your continued generosity in so many ways, and today express my gratitude for your contributions to UCA. May God continue to bless you!

In Christ and Mary Immaculate,



Father Tony Wroblewski

The best day of my life! Kyle & Nichole Schmidt

Kyle grew up playing street hockey, dreaming of playing pro hockey and scoring goals for UMD. Nichole attended St. Lawrence. "We never missed Mass growing up... I knew that's what I wanted for my family." Kyle's dreams came true when he scored the overtime goal that gave UMD its first National Championship.*

When Kyle scored the game winner, Nichole was excited for him and overwhelmed with emotion. "What's going to happen next in my life? I have my dream teaching job, I love the kids and community... how is this going to change my life?"

God had even larger plans for Kyle and Nichole.

"Not to downplay winning a national title... It was incredible and everything I dreamed of, but, the one thing that I couldn't wait to do was become Catholic."

After a year of RCIA classes hosted by the Newman Center, and "devouring Catholic theology in the process, I entered the Catholic Church. And for the first time ever, I was able to receive the Eucharist, Jesus Christ - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity...

By far the Easter Vigil was the best moment of my life. The 2nd best day was getting married. And a tie for third was when our 3 children were born and baptized."**

Nichole's dreams are coming true too. She says, "We bring our children to Mass every Sunday because we're sinners and we need to receive Jesus... Knowing this was going to be my life, was a dream come true."***

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DREAMS COME TRUE BECAUSE...

***1987** You provided on-going formation for priests like Fr. Dolsina who Baptized Nichole

***1993** You paid for Nichole's Religious Education teacher to be trained by the Office of Catechesis

***2002** You formed youth ministers to encourage Nichole to have a personal relationship with Jesus

***2008** You trained missionaries to share the Gospel with Kyle at UMD Newman Center

****2011** You Confirmed and gave Kyle his First Communion through Bishop Paul Sirba's hands

****2011** You sent Fr. Mike Schmitz on retreats and trained him to prepare couples like Kyle & Nichole for marriage

****2015** You subsidized Kyle's & Nichole's registration fees to attend Men's and Women's Conferences

2017 You paid salaries for diocesan staff to support every facet of parish life

*****2020** Your gift today will be multiplied by God to change lives like Kyle's & Nichole's

*****2030** You are providing leaders, ministries, and programs for the Schmidt's children whose dreams will become a reality by God's grace.