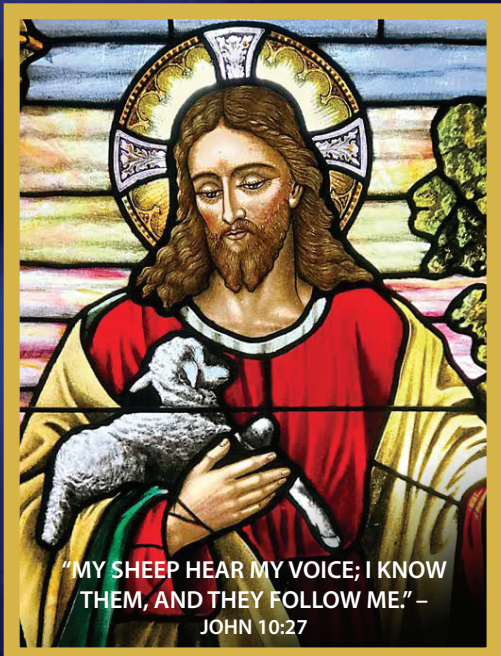


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St. Mary Parish, Byron

Rev. Richard Rosinski, Pastor

Written by:

Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation, we your children bless and praise your holy name.
In all the world your love is reflected and we, your disciples, seek to discover your presence and listen to your voice.
As we hear you invite us to love, to serve and to lead in Your name, help us be good stewards of your many gifts.
Help us to be hands that reach out to others as You did.
Help us to stop and remember we do what we do in Your name.
Help us to be authentic disciples, planting seeds of faith wherever we go.
May all the world hear Your voice calling all to Love as You Love by the living of our lives.
In our response to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Rockford, grant us grateful hearts and give us the courage to share our many gifts of time, talent and financial treasure with all those who are in need.
We ask all this through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

2020 Appeal Prayer



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The following ministries and services are supported through the Diocesan Appeal. Your annual gift affects the lives of so many in our Diocese.

Seminarian Education - the Diocese recruits, trains, and forms our seminarians who will be our future priests serving in our parishes.

Newman Center at Northern Illinois University - this past year 500 students were served, 96 student Masses offered, 123 students participated in retreats, and 20 scholarships were given to deserving students. Your donation helps support the ministries to students at the Newman Center!

Office of Research and Planning offers an annual Ministry Day that has served over 3,111 attendees since the first meeting in 2004. It brings priests, parish and school and staff together for a day of spiritual renewal and tangible tools to help them at the parish level.

Catholic Charities provides a wide range of services to children and families in need through 10 programs throughout the Diocese.

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“Hear His Voice.”

There are so many moments when we might hear God’s voice in our daily lives: at Mass, when we help someone who needs us, when we read the Bible, or before we fall asleep. The Diocese of Rockford provides programs and personnel to help you as parishioners of the Diocese hear and follow Jesus when he reaches out to you.

That of course includes the priests of our Diocese. Education is essential in forming our seminarians for ordination to the priesthood. These men have heard Jesus’ call and are preparing to bring the love and presence of Jesus to others.

Forty-five years ago the first class of permanent deacons was ordained in our diocese. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate continues to this day – preparing deacons to teach, baptize, visit the sick, assist at the altar, and otherwise serve the people of their parishes.

Engaged and married couples, youth and families are all served through programs offered by the Life and Family Evangelization (LiFE) Office. The Diocesan Education Office supports and guides our Catholic schools. Its Ministry Formation Program and the Diocesan Theological Institute (DTI) educate, train, and form leaders at our parishes. Other diocesan offices support parishes in a variety of ways from payroll to Hispanic Ministry to retreats at Bishop Lane Retreat Center.

And of course the Church always has heard Jesus’ voice in the voices of the poor. Catholic Charities serves Christ in our brothers and sisters helped by a multitude of programs to address their needs for food, clothing, counseling, and emergency assistance.

We are able to all this and more through the generosity of our brothers and sisters in Christ who live their faith and are committed to support the mission of the diocesan Church, including through this annual Diocesan Appeal.

Thank you for your kind attention. Be assured of my continued prayers for you as you listen for His voice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend Bishop David J Malloy
Bishop of Rockford



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Prayer Intentions

Please remember my/our intentions during Masses offered at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in the Diocesan Administration Building throughout the year:

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Dear Bishop Malloy, I am pleased to support the 2020 Annual Appeal.

Please write clearly to help us accurately record your gift/pledge.

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Dear Bishop Malloy, please accept my continued support of the 2020 Diocesan Appeal.

Parish: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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☐ Dear Bishop Malloy, in your prayer intentions, please include.

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GIFT OPTION (CHOOSE #1 OR #2)

1. Enclosed, please find my ONE-TIME GIFT of \$_____

- ☐ Check # _____ (Make check payable to Your Parish - DA)
- ☐ I will make my gift by credit card or EFT online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

2. My Pledge

I wish to PLEDGE \$_____ to the 2020 Diocesan Appeal

Amount Enclosed \$_____ Check # _____

Balance Due \$_____ (Payable to Parish Name-DA)

I would like to contribute:

- ☐ Monthly, pledge to be fulfilled by May 21, 2021 (10 payments)
- ☐ Quarterly, pledge to be fulfilled by May 21, 2021 (4 payments)
- ☐ Gift of Stock, Donor Advised Fund, Retirement Fund
- ☐ Online by credit card or ACH at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

- ☐ Please send pledge reminders by mail to be fulfilled by May 21, 2021.
Statement mailed July 2020 through May 2021. (Quarterly July, Oct, Jan, April).
- ☐ Do not send reminder