



Do You LOVE Me?

2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL
DIOCESE of ROCKFORD

Dear Name,

Jesus asks Peter a question three times in the Gospel of John that He asks each of us: “Do you love me?”

Most of us, like Peter, would say, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” And just as He did with Peter, Jesus recognizes the limitations of our love, calls us all to His fold as disciples, and asks us to tend to one another – His sheep.

Our love for God grows our love for others. The more love we have for Him, the more our love motivates us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ – the more we can tend to one another.

Your contribution to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal helps tend to the many needs of our Church. The funds from this appeal support our parishes, our priests, and ministries of the Diocese of Rockford that in turn tend to the faithful and ensure that young and old continue to be nurtured in the sacraments and educated in the faith.

Your gift to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal can also be your response to God’s call to care for others. Along with addressing the spiritual needs of its flock, the Church is committed to caring for families, children, and the elderly who are challenged in meeting basic needs. Those struggling to find food, clothing, and shelter; women afraid of unplanned pregnancies; refugees searching for a place to call home; the elderly who wonder if they are alone – our love for God compels us to respond to all of these, in love.

We are called as Catholics to treat all with dignity and respect, and to tend to all God’s creation in love and true service. May you give generously to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal, as we all work together to love the Lord, and our neighbor. And, may our love and service inspire others to do the same.

I am grateful for you and whatever you are able to give. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *David J. Malloy*

MOST REVEREND BISHOP DAVID J. MALLOY
BISHOP OF ROCKFORD

P.S. Please prayerfully consider increasing your gift to join the Society of St. Stephen. More information about our gift societies is on the back of this letter.

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The Diocesan Appeal directly helps our parish through its support of Catholic Charities, education, vocations, and administration. Your donation helps keep our parish and our diocese strong. Your gift to this appeal truly makes a difference to our parish.
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1 PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

\$1,950 \$1,620 \$1,350 OTHER

Your previous gift was \$1,350

COMMITMENT \$ _____ ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHECK # _____ BALANCE \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Diocese of Rockford - DA

2 CONTACT INFORMATION

(If changes are needed to your address, please make them below.)

DUID: XXXXXX St. Patrick - 003

Mr. and Mrs. Name Here

Address1

Address 2

PHONE

EMAIL

3 PAYMENT DETAILS

INSTALLMENT OPTION:
Please mail me statements:

MONTHLY
(10 months: July-April)

QUARTERLY
(July, Oct, Jan, Apr)

Statements mailed in July.

ONE-TIME GIFT:

I have enclosed a check for the full amount.

Unable to donate at this time. Prayer intention enclosed.

SEE THE BACK FOR OTHER GIVING OPTIONS.

Scan your personal QR code to give online, or visit rockforddiocese.org/donate.



LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETIES

Diocese of Rockford Leadership Gift Societies recognize and celebrate those who sustain our ministries and programs through gifts to the annual Diocesan Appeal. This support is vital to providing for the pastoral needs of the more than 413,000 Catholics who live within the 11 counties of our diocese. These gifts are received with deep gratitude, make a profound difference, and are gratefully recognized by Bishop David Malloy. Please consider joining one of our societies.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

In the squalor of the gutters and back alleys of Calcutta, St. Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity worked to alleviate the profound physical and emotional distress and suffering of those who lived at the margins of society. Understanding that our creation was an act of love by our heavenly Father, Mother Teresa knew that she was called to respond lovingly to it.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA INCLUDES DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS OF \$500 - \$999.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES

A humble fisherman, St. James was one of the first disciples called to share in the public ministry of Jesus Christ. He was one of the most trusted of our Lord's disciples and was present with Jesus at the Transfiguration. As the leader of the Church in Jerusalem following the Resurrection, St. James was committed to the young community of faith, one that returned him to Christ through martyrdom.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES INCLUDES DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS OF \$1,000 - \$1,499.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN

Called because of his holiness and commitment to the charitable legacy of Christ's public ministry, Stephen was selected by the leadership of the early Church to provide for and preach the Gospel to those who were most in need. St. Stephen is honored as the first martyr of our faith.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN INCLUDES DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS OF \$1,500 - \$2,499.



THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the patron saint of all the Americas, has served as a persistent light of faith to so many. She brings countless individuals into relationship with Christ and His Church. She is seen as a source of spiritual comfort, a model of purity of spirit and obedience of will, and a model of faith.

THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE INCLUDES DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS OF \$2,500 - \$4,999.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael serves as prince of the heavenly angels who are continually in the presence of God. St. Michael submitted to God in perfect obedience and now serves as protector of the Church. As he did in the Old Testament, he keeps watch over the faithful of the New Testament and of the entire Church.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. MICHAEL INCLUDES DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GIFTS OF \$5,000 - \$9,999.



4 PAYMENT TYPES

You can use our online giving option or your bank bill pay service:

- **ONLINE** at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate.
- **BILL PAY** Schedule your payment with your bank, complete and submit this pledge card, and let us know if you would like reminders.
- **TEXT** "Donate" to 815-885-5806 and give right now!

We accept donations through stock, donor advised fund, Qualified Charitable Distribution through your IRA. Contact us with questions.

Does your employer match your contributions?

5 INFORMATION

QUESTIONS? Contact the Office of Charitable Giving at 815-399-4300 or email charitablegiving@rockforddiocese.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Please return this pledge card to your parish or directly to the Diocese at: Diocese of Rockford, PO Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125

6 ESTATE PLANNING

Have you considered the Diocese of Rockford and/or our Catholic schools or ministries in your estate plans?

- I/we would like further information on bequests
- I/we have left the church in our will. Please send information on the Perpetual Light Society.