



Benefits of the St. Matthias Giving Circle

- Invitation to a private Bishop's Mass & Dinner to kick off the next Annual Catholic Appeal
- Invitation to a social gathering with the Bishop in the late summer/early fall
- Invitation(s) to special events within the diocese, such as ordinations and other celebrations
- Name recognition in The Harvest magazine and online, with your permission
- Special membership pin

St. Matthias Giving Circle Membership

The Giving Circle recognizes our leaders in giving. Just as St. Matthias continued the legacy of the Apostles and their work, the St. Matthias Giving Circle enables us to continue the work of our ministries year to year. Individuals, families, and/or corporations who give \$1,000 in a single year will become members of the St. Matthias Giving Circle for that calendar year.

After the Ascension of Jesus, Peter and the apostles gathered to figure out how to fill the void left after Judas betrayed Jesus and ended up taking his own life. They had determined that a new apostle would need to be named to bring the number of apostles back to 12, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. The apostles decided that the next apostle needed to be someone who had followed Jesus from the very beginning, when he was baptized by St. John the Baptist. He needed to have seen the miracles himself and to have been witness to the resurrection. There were only two men of the 120 followers who qualified, Joseph called Barsabab (also known as Justus) and Matthias. The apostles prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." (Acts 1:24-25) Then they "cast lots" and the lot fell to Matthias, thus he became an apostle.

St. Matthias was the first apostle who was not hand selected by Jesus but was chosen through the apostles. This demonstrates the continuation of the apostolic ministry – meaning that the apostles were given the ability to pass on the sacred power of their ordination to others as their successors. This was a gift from Jesus to His first apostles and has continued to this day. As the Church has continued to grow, others have been picked and, through grace, they have been ordained as bishops – including our own Bishop Warfel and Bishop Fleming.

This unbroken succession started with St. Matthias, who was then named as one of the patron saints of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. And it is in his honor that we named our first Giving Circle.

GIVING IS Safe, Simple & Secure!

make your donation today to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal!



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Make a Difference! Make your gift Monthly! Become a Sustaining Donor!

Thanks to our dedicated support of Sustaining Donors who make a continuous monthly gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, a steady stream of income helps to sustain the ministries of the Diocese.

How does it work?

- Check the sustaining donor option on your pledge form (included in this packet) and return it to the Diocese or sign up online at www.DioceseGFB.org/ACA
- Authorize continuous, monthly credit card or automatic bank account withdrawals.
- Gifts will repeat each month and continue from year-to-year.

How can continuous monthly giving benefit you?

- It's convenient, easy, and automatic. You choose the monthly amount. No more writing checks, paying postage or driving to the post office!
- It's flexible and secure. You can increase, decrease, pause, or stop your donation at any time.
- It's rewarding. You will grow in faith by sharing lovingly with others.

What makes monthly giving so valuable?

- It's reliable. The program provides a consistent source of funding for the Church's mission.
- It's cost effective. Automatic donations are processed more efficiently.
- It makes a difference! Your continuous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal benefits the ministries of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, including our clergy, seminarians, parishes, schools, and outreach across eastern Montana.

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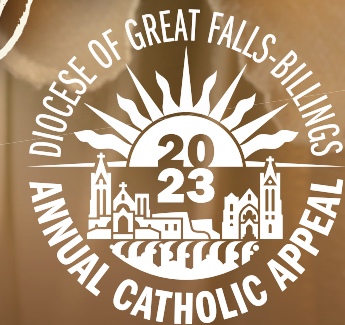
"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1



Serving the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Montana

We Are an Offering



Welcome to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)!

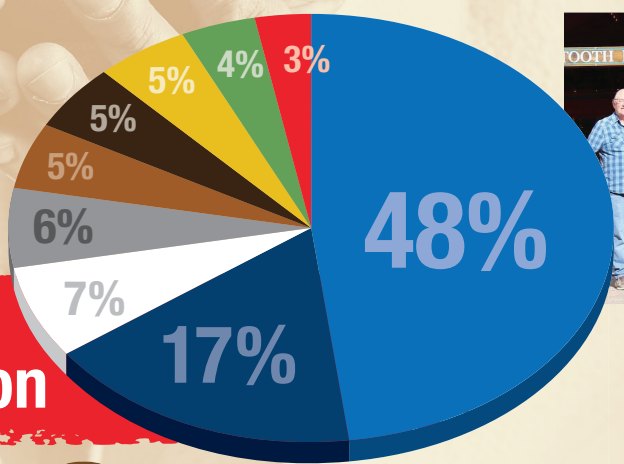
We thank you for your generous support over the past many years as we look forward to the upcoming ACA. Your support is vital to help our ministries and services flourish. You enable the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings to provide services and support that no one parish could do on its own.

We Are all Offering

Worship is not just about going to church, it is about living our lives in a way that honors God and the gifts that He has given to us. We can let God use us to do His work, to be His hands, and to share His presence with those around us.

You may not think that you have anything to “give” – but we all have special gifts that have been given to us through God’s blessings.

*So let us then, Offer to God and give gratitude for
All that we have
All that we are
& All that we hope to be!*



2023 ACA Goal:
\$1.7 million

Where Your Offering Goes

- 48%Active & Retired Priest & Bishop Support
- 17%Properties & Facilities
- 7%Seminarian Education & Support
- 6%Evangelization
- 5%Faith Formation
- 5%St. Thomas Camp
- 5%Human Resources & HR Support to Parishes, Schools, etc.
- 4%Tribunal
- 3%Catholic School Superintendent & Support

Your Gift at Work*

- \$89 one-time** Provides Catechist Certification for one person
-or- **\$7.50/month****
- \$130 one-time** Provides one month of long-term care insurance for an active Diocesan Priest
-or- **\$11/month**
- \$350 one-time** Sends on Catholic youth to St. Thomas Summer Camp for one week
-or- **\$29/month**
- \$430 one-time** Supports one Deacon Formation Weekend
-or- **\$36/month**
- \$1,000 one-time** Provides one year of FORMED to a small parish
-or- **\$85/month**
- \$2,800 one-time** Pays tuition, fees, and supplies for one month for one Seminarian
-or- **\$235/month**
- \$10,132 one-time** Covers one issue of The Harvest including printing, postage to 13,000+ households
-or- **\$845/month**

*Donations cannot be directed to specific ministries; this is simply to demonstrate how your gift helps.
**Gifts can be given as one-time lump sums, or as monthly sustaining gifts