



## LEAVING A LEGACY

The *Lumen Christi Legacy Society* is a charitable giving program for benefactors who share in the future vision of the Diocese of Joliet by making a planned gift or an estate plan commitment. By creating a charitable gift through your will or estate plan, you can support the Diocese of Joliet as well as:

- Build a legacy that will last forever
- Secure the future of the Diocese of Joliet
- Attain personal fulfillment and peace of mind
- Proudly support the mission of the Catholic Church
- Endow ministries in the diocese
- Establish financial benefits personally and for loved ones

For more information about joining the *Lumen Christi Legacy Society* with a planned gift or an estate plan commitment, please contact Jane Lagger, chief development officer, at (815) 221-6190 or [jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org).

## SAVING RESOURCES THROUGH RECURRING GIVING



The *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Society* recognizes benefactors who support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through monthly giving. These continuous, automatic gifts through bank account withdrawals or credit card payments help our environment while providing a stable source of income for essential ministries of the diocese.

For more information about joining the *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Society* through recurring giving, please contact Kimberly Bruining, manager of development and stewardship, at (815) 221-6193 or [kbruining@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:kbruining@dioceseofjoliet.org).

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Leadership Giving for the  
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



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## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP HICKS



The *Deo Gratias Society* is an incredible blessing to the Diocese of Joliet. In gratitude for your prayers and support for the Church, I invite you to consider becoming a member of this special group.

Together, through the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we make possible the charitable work that no parish community could accomplish alone. The generosity of *Deo Gratias Society* members ensures the diocese can provide ministries essential to the mission of our Church.

Thank you for helping us serve others — especially the poor, less fortunate and disenfranchised. Your dedication is such an inspiration to me, as well as to those who benefit from your generosity. I pray you will consider a leadership role in the CMAA and help me with God's work here in our diocese.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Hicks" with a small cross symbol to the left.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

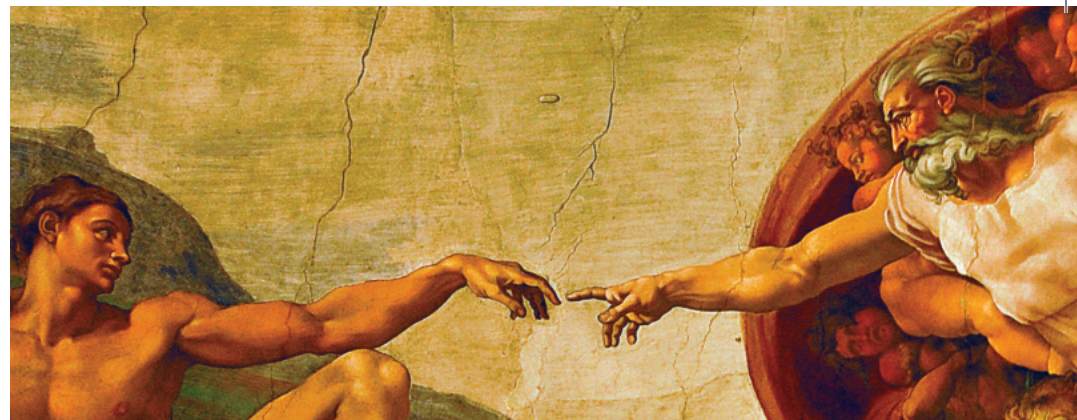
## ABOUT THE DEO GRATIAS SOCIETY

The *Deo Gratias Society* was established in 2008 as a leadership giving society in support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. *Deo Gratias* is Latin for "thanks be to God," which is appropriate as the society wishes to attract those who give thanks to God for all He has given them.

The *Deo Gratias Society* seeks members who choose to keep the needs of the greater Church among their charitable giving priorities by contributing gifts of \$1,000 or more annually to the CMAA.

As a member, you will help ensure many vital ministries that provide hope and love to individuals, families and parishes throughout our seven-county diocese.

Your gift is not only an important resource to our diocese, but a great source of inspiration and encouragement to Bishop Hicks and the many people the CMAA serves.



## DEO GRATIAS SOCIETY BENEFITS

In addition to spiritual benefits, membership in the *Deo Gratias Society* includes these unique recognition benefits to convey Bishop Hicks' gratitude for your support:

### Xavier Circle

Those donating \$10,000 or more annually will receive:

- A statue of St. Francis Xavier, the Diocese of Joliet's patron saint, to welcome you as a new member of the Xavier Circle
- An invitation to the annual Bishop's Circle Dinner
- A special gift from Bishop Hicks
- Recognition in our annual publication for *Deo Gratias Society* members
- An invitation to our annual Mass and reception with Bishop Hicks

### Bishop's Circle

Those donating \$5,000 to \$9,999 annually will receive:

- An invitation to the annual Bishop's Circle Dinner
- A special gift from Bishop Hicks
- Recognition in our annual publication for *Deo Gratias Society* members
- An invitation to our annual Mass and reception with Bishop Hicks

### Patron Circle

Those donating \$2,500 to \$4,999 annually will receive:

- A special gift from Bishop Hicks
- Recognition in our annual publication for *Deo Gratias Society* members
- An invitation to our annual Mass and reception with Bishop Hicks

### Sponsor Circle

Those donating \$1,000 to \$2,499 annually will receive:

- Recognition in our annual publication for *Deo Gratias Society* members
- An invitation to our annual Mass and reception with Bishop Hicks