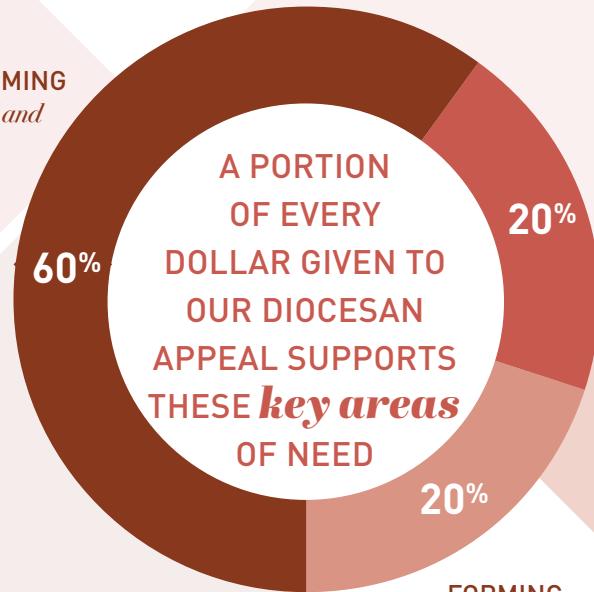


## Key Areas

PROCLAIMING  
*the Gospel and  
Passing on  
the Faith*

CARING for  
*the Poor and  
Vulnerable*

FORMING  
& Supporting  
*Clergy*



A PORTION OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO OUR DIOCESAN APPEAL SUPPORTS THESE **key areas** OF NEED

## Did you know?

OUR LIFE OFFICE ADVOCATES (LiFE) AT STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS TO SUPPORT HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY (PRO-LIFE)

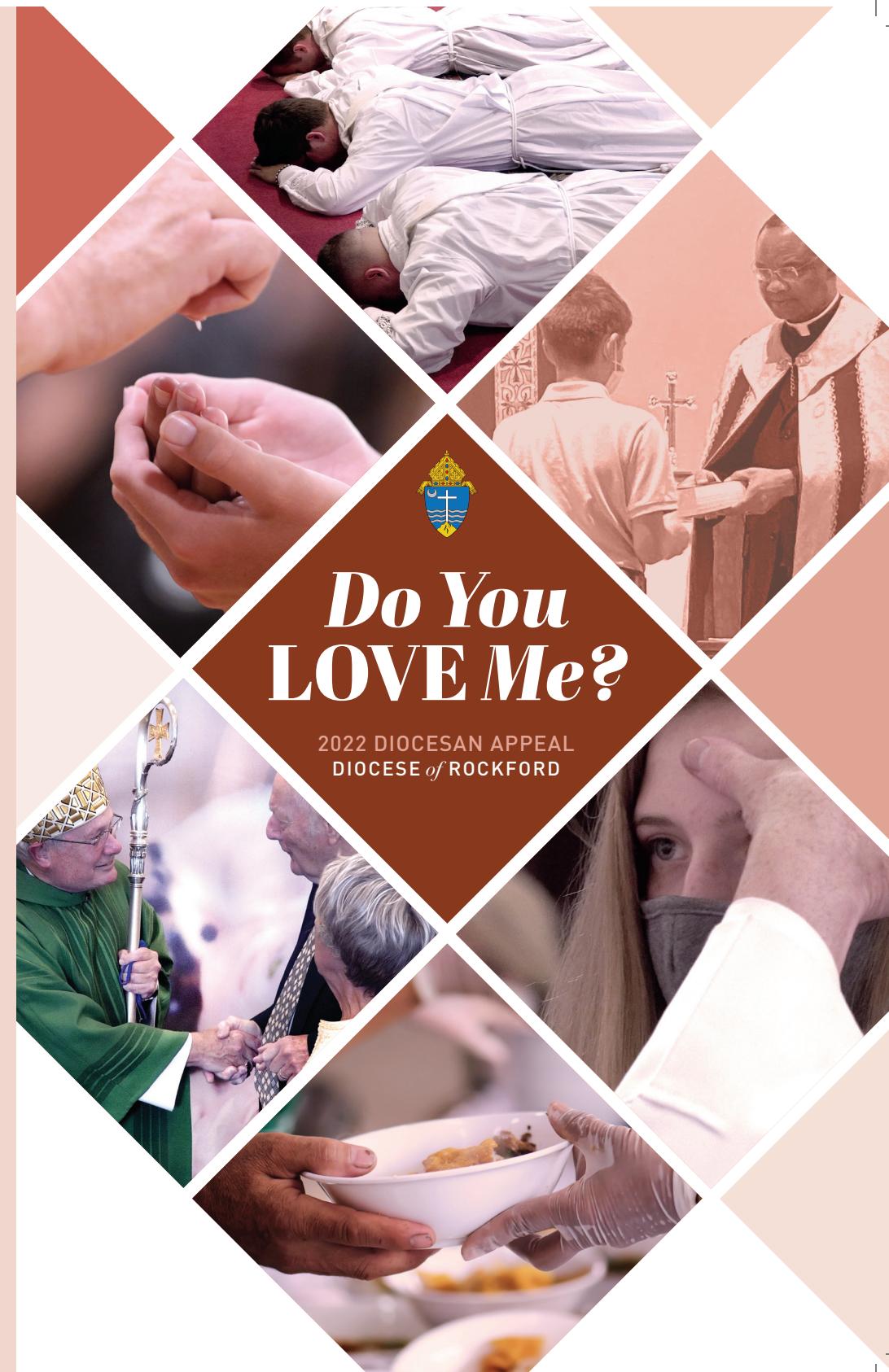
## 2022 APPEAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, from Whom comes every good gift: the roof over our heads, the shoes under our feet, the friends and family that surround us... we especially thank You that in the fullness of time, You sent Your only-begotten Son to walk among us and show us Your love in Person. Through the Holy Spirit, we each hear the question He once asked St. Peter "Do you love Me?" Lord, how could we not? He asks us for one simple thing, to love Him back, both in Himself, and in our neighbor. Help us to do that concretely in this year's Appeal, and bring us, with those whom we have helped, to live and reign with You Who live and reign forever. Amen!

- REV. JOHN EVANS, PASTOR, ST. PATRICK, DIXON

## Did you know?

OUR DIOCESE HAS MORE THAN 140 ACTIVE PERMANENT DEACONS AND 200 ACTIVE PRIESTS. IN 2022, 18 MEN WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



# Do You LOVE Me?

2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL  
DIOCESE of ROCKFORD

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

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 responds to God’s call to care for others. Your gift will help families, children, pregnant women, the elderly, the hungry, and refugees. Our love for God compels us to respond to all of these, in love. 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 so grateful for each one of you. My prayer is that God showers you and your family with blessings this year. Thank you for considering a gift to our Diocesan Appeal and for whatever you and your family may be able to give in support of our ministries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *David J. Malloy*

MOST REVEREND BISHOP DAVID J MALLOY  
BISHOP OF ROCKFORD



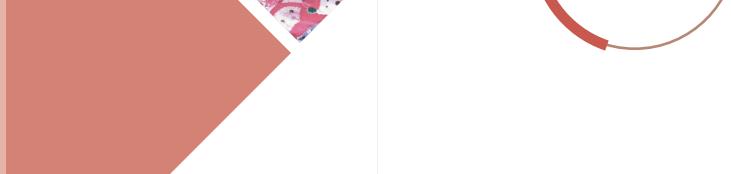
»» **CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE**

Your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal support those who need our help the most: the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, the elderly, and the unborn. By contributing to our appeal, you help support local efforts to serve God’s people with compassion, dignity, and respect, in solidarity with the Church.



»» **PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AND PASSING ON THE FAITH**

Your generous contribution to the Diocesan Appeal funds programs, ministries and evangelization efforts that ensure our faith is passed on to future generations. Our diocese helps prepare leaders of religious education programs for nearly 29,000 children, provide programming for more than 20,000 adults, and is a resource for parishes establishing youth and young adult ministries. Catholic schools in the diocese offer a Christ-centered education to more than 8,000 students.



»» **FORMING AND SUPPORTING CLERGY**

The Diocese of Rockford is blessed to have 11 young men attending seminary and preparing for priestly ministry, and 38 men who are studying to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. Through your prayers and generosity, you participate in the formation of the next generation of priests and leaders of our local Church. Your gift also provides needed health care and pensions for more than 40 retired priests who have faithfully served our diocese throughout the years.

*Programs and ministries funded include:*

- CATHOLIC CHARITIES
- LIFE OFFICE
- ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER

*Programs and ministries funded include:*

- YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE
- CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE
- CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE
- ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
- HISPANIC MINISTRY AND REGIONAL MINISTRIES
- DIVINE WORSHIP OFFICE
- BISHOP LANE RETREAT CENTER
- AND MANY MORE

*Programs and ministries funded include:*

- VICAR FOR CLERGY OFFICE
- PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM
- SEMINARY EDUCATION
- VOCATIONS OFFICE
- PRIEST HEALTH CARE & PENSIONS



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**May our love and service inspire others.**  
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**Did you know?**

**MORE THAN 413,000 CATHOLICS LIVE IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD**

**NEARLY 29,000 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED HELP FROM OUR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFICE THIS YEAR**