

*"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*



*We are offering*

Serving the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Montana






**HAVE YOU HAD YOUR COFFEE TODAY?**



## Small Changes Add Up To Big Results!

It can be easy to question how we can afford to donate, often thinking we need to give in one big lump sum to make a difference. It doesn't have to work that way. Smaller lifestyle changes, done repeatedly, can actually enable us to give in bigger ways.

For example, what if you gave up one coffee a week, one pizza night a month or one family movie night every other month to donate to the church? Look at how fast those small sacrifices can impact the lives of many:

-  **\$5 coffee/week**  
\$20 monthly donation to the ACA or \$240 a year.
-  **\$30 pizza night once a month**  
\$30 monthly donation to the ACA or \$360 a year.
-  **\$100 family movie night out every other month**  
\$50 monthly donation to the ACA or \$600 a year.

**Our goal is 100% participation. Please consider your gift today!**

It's not about the size of the gift but that we give, because when we all give at least a little, we can accomplish a lot!

*Giving is Safe, Simple & Secure!*



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**Supporting the ACA can be as simple as giving the cost of a single cup of coffee each week!**

**Would you also commit to pray for the ACA as you enjoy your coffee each morning? Every gift, monetary and prayer, helps! →**



# Your Support is Making a Difference!

## Barbara Haacke

Executive Assistant to the Bishops,  
Safe Environment Coordinator



The Catholic Church is committed to providing an environment free of abuse for children, young people, and vulnerable populations. The Safe Environment Program is mandated by the USCCB and we gladly participate to help protect the children and vulnerable adults in our Diocese. What started out with one priest being found to have abused 130 children resulted in closer investigation around the United States and the world. However, through this education, we see results. In the last reporting year statistics, there were only 30 reported cases of clergy abuse in the U.S. and of those cases only 6 were substantiated as true. Now, we have moved beyond just looking at abuse on the part of the Church and have enabled people to recognize and report potential abuse and neglect at home or at school. *This program is working, and we could not do that without the support of you and the ACA!*

## Shanny Murphy

Diocesan Financial Officer



One of the most important parts of my position is making sure that we are caring for our priests with your Annual Catholic Appeal donations. Priests have dedicated their lives to caring for others and with your help, we are ensuring they are cared for during their retirement. We have 20 retired priests. We pay \$126,750 per year for their supplemental insurance and \$187,200 per year for 3 who are in assisted living. We also provide long term care insurance for those who qualify (4 retired priests & 20 active priests) at just under \$40,000 per year. Also, to assist our retired priests we have 8 apartments (4 in Great Falls and 4 in Billings) that they can rent for only \$400 per month – but the actual cost to maintain these is an additional \$85,000 per year, that our Diocese pays to ensure they have a place to live that they can afford. *Your gift to the ACA makes this all possible!*

## Rev. Jay Peterson

Director of Seminarians



I'm happy to be sharing with you a few ways that your donations support the work I do with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. One way is with Seminarian Formation. I work with the men who have discerned a vocation to the Priesthood and are enrolled in a formation program. We currently have Matthew Solarz, studying at Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and Thomas Johnson, studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. Another area where I have assisted is with our foreign priests and sisters from Nigeria and India, completing the Religious Worker Visa process and moving them toward obtaining a Green Card. We continue to rely on ministry help from talented clergy from overseas, and we all need to pitch in to foster our home-grown vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well. *Thanks for supporting this work through the ACA!*

# We Are an Offering

## DIocese of Great Falls-Billings 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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**Final gifts must be received by Dec. 31, 2023, to count toward the 2023 diocesan goal.**

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