ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL





BISHOP'S REFLECTION

The Storm at Sea occurs in each of the Gospels—that perilous moment when the Apostles are terrified by the wind and the waves until Jesus calms the tempest and encourages them to not be afraid. This Scripture passage gives us hope and confidence in the midst of every challenge and sorrow.

With this image in mind and as the Diocese of Madison prepares for a time of visionary change and spiritual transformation, we have chosen for our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) theme: "Trust in the Lord with all Your Heart."

Taken from Proverbs 2:3, this biblical verse reminds us that God indeed holds us in His Heart and that we need to place our trust in Him, especially in times of difficulty and change.

Whenever people are in need, they often look to the Church for comfort and assistance. Like the Apostle's boat, a place of refuge, protected and guided by the Lord's hand, the many programs, resources and services that the Diocese sponsors offer hope, help and healing in countless ways. In all that we do, the Gospel transforms, the sacraments sanctify and our charity blesses.

Your generous gift to the ACA will help do just that by funding ministries that so many people in South Central and Southwest Wisconsin greatly depend on.

Grateful for your generosity and trust,

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MEET THE TEDUITS

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Chair Couple

Every two years, Bishop Hying selects an ACA Chair Couple to serve with him as spokespersons while promoting the appeal and helping to raise awareness for the ministries it supports. For the second year, Eric and Laura teDuits are excited to help Bishop Hying and serve as the ACA 2023 Chair Couple. Eric and Laura are members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Madison. They raised their five children with strong Catholic traditions, encouraged active participation in their parish, and have watched them grow into amazing and faithful adults. The teDuits have been long-time supporters of the ACA and one of the reasons that they chose to continue to give is because of the "myriad of ministries that are funded through the ACA across the diocese that evangelize, nurture the faith community, and serve those who struggle." Eric and Laura especially value the ways that the diocese and the ACA supports service ministries, particularly the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC). Through their involvement with the meal program at the CMC, they were able to spend time as a family helping others, while also giving their children the opportunity to learn to love to serve others. Eric and Laura hope to continue to lead by example and that their faithful participation will encourage others to support the ACA, as well.





PASSING ON THE FAITH \$1,120,000

- · Youth Ministry
- · Family Ministry
- · College Ministry
- Hispanic Ministry
- · Camp Gray

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Camp Gray: Dedicated to enriching the spiritual lives of all visitors to their 225 acres of natural beauty, Camp Gray invites everyone to encounter Jesus Christ in all creation. Your support helps Camp Gray provide inspiring summer programs for students in grades 2-12 as well as year-round retreat offerings where guests of all ages can experience a fun and vibrant Catholic community, and be challenged to ever more deeply know, love, and serve God and neighbor.

CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE \$680,000

- · Catholic Multicultural Center
- · Catholic Charities
- · Catholic Social Teaching

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Charities: With over 20 programs in 11 counties in Southern Wisconsin, and guided by Catholic social teaching, Catholic Charities is on the front lines in our communities helping seniors, those living with a disability, individual and family counseling, mobile food pantries in rural communities, addiction treatment, those experiencing homelessness, and more. Your support directly helps Catholic Charities provide compassionate and caring services to more than 20,000 poor and vulnerable individuals in our Diocese.



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL \$800,000

- · Worship & Liturgy
- · Religious Formation
- Evangelization
- · Support for Vocations
- Education for Clergy

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Evangelization: Fueling our essential mission as faithful Catholics, your support for Evangelization provides the necessary tools for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, including much-needed support for training, resources and retreats to help all understand the truth of the Catholic Church. As an example, in 2022 Evangelization efforts continued in earnest with the Go Make Disciples initiative, providing Catholics in the Diocese with the knowledge and confidence needed to go forth as a witness of Jesus Christ.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION \$1,600,000

- · Parish Services
- Support for Ministries
- · Support for Teachers and Schools
- · Holy Name Preservation
- · Into the Deep
- ACA Expenses

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Schools: Catholic schools in our Diocese are committed to fulfilling the mission of Catholic education to form the human person in the image of Christ. Catholic schools play a critical role in passing on the faith, and forming future generations that will keep our parishes vibrant communities of faith, worship and service. Your support enables training for teachers and administration to learn new teaching methods, assist with curriculum and instruction, as well as ensuring strong Catholic identity in our schools.