



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 Lager, chief development officer, at (815) 221-6190 or jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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Deo Gratias Society

Leadership Giving for the
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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 marginalized. 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



"The annual appeal is one way we do God's work and bring God to people. That's a responsibility we have — to look after one another, to take care of one another. Participating at the diocesan level is part of how we do that. We're the Church, and it's how you keep it going."

~ Nancy Rita Kaz

Member of the *Deo Gratias Society* and
St. Liborius Parish, Steger