



Do You LOVE Me?

2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL
DIOCESE of ROCKFORD

»» Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we finish out the 2022 Diocesan Appeal I wanted to take a moment and thank you for your generous support of the work we are doing through our ministries here in the Diocese of Rockford.

Our theme for this appeal, “Do You Love Me?,” continues to be a reminder of how God blesses us each day with his love and grace – it is up to us to respond to that love as best we can in our lives here on Earth. Thank you for showing that response in your gifts to the Diocesan Appeal last year.

The support of our parishioners and donors showed great care for the spiritual and material needs of our Church: our families, priests and parishes, schools, religious education programs, and all of those who are seeking the truth of the Gospel and the love of Christ.

I continue to be humbled and grateful for your continued support of our parishes, ministries, and services that assist so many in our diocese. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your families this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *David J. Malloy*

MOST REVEREND BISHOP DAVID J MALLOY, BISHOP OF ROCKFORD

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— Most Reverend Bishop David J Malloy,
Bishop of Rockford

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»» Thank You FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Our 2022 Diocesan Appeal ANNUALLY FUNDS the offices and agencies that provide parishes with ministries and services to serve our parishioners – all of you. Every dollar given to our appeal supports proclaiming the Gospel and passing on the faith (60% of every gift), caring for the poor and vulnerable (20% of every gift), and forming and supporting clergy (20% of every gift).

AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2023, NEARLY 14,000 FAMILIES PLEDGED 112% AND PAID MORE THAN 103% TOWARDS OUR 2022 APPEAL GOAL OF \$4,865,438. This appeal ends in May 2023.



Create A Lasting Legacy WHEN YOU REMEMBER the Diocese of Rockford in your estate plan or will, you provide for the cultivation of our faith for years to come. Through a planned gift you can make a lasting impact on your parish, school, or the diocese itself. For more information about planned giving and how the options available through The Catholic Foundation For The People Of The Diocese of Rockford can also be of benefit to you and your family, please contact Dan O'Malley, executive director, at (815) 399-4300 or domalley@rockforddiocese.org. Many thanks to our Perpetual Light Society members, who have already remembered the Diocese of Rockford in a will, trust, or gift annuity. Your gifts will light the way for generations of Catholics to come.

Your Fruitful Generosity EVERY GIFT looks to the future needs of our diocese, offering educational resources to our 10 seminarians studying for the priesthood and to 18 men studying to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.

<p>413,000 CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE</p>		<p>EACH GIFT to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal helps our diocese and parishes share the faith with more than 413,000 Catholics living in the Diocese of Rockford</p>	
<p>112 ACTIVE PRIESTS</p>	<p>139 PERMANENT DEACONS</p>	<p>10 SEMINARIANS</p>	<p>18 TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE</p>

Caring For One Another YOUR SUPPORT of the Diocesan Appeal helps form our children, gives adults a deeper relationship with God, provides care and assistance for families and individuals in need, helps celebrate important sacramental milestones and provides marriage preparation for couples planning to be married in the near future.

<p>25,000 AND MORE CHILDREN annually are nurtured in their faith through religious education programs funded through our diocesan appeal.</p>		<p>8,350 MORE CHILDREN receive ongoing religious instruction as students in our Diocesan Catholic schools.</p>
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<p>90 FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS OFFERED</p>	<p> OUR DIOCESAN MINISTRY FORMATION program offered more than 90 faith formation sessions throughout the diocese in the past year, and our Diocesan Theological Institute helped educate 79 participants in the nuances of our faith.</p>	
<p>3,000 BAPTISMS CELEBRATED</p>	<p>6,000 CONFIRMATIONS WERE CELEBRATED IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD</p>	<p>11,000 COMBINED YEARS OF MARRIAGE</p> <p></p> <p>212 TOTAL COUPLES</p> <p>CELEBRATED AND PARTICIPATED in our Silver and Gold Mass this year with Bishop Malloy.</p>

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