

Dear Friend in Christ,

The life in Christ that we share in His Church today was handed down to us by those who brought Catholic faith to Eastern Oregon. It is now up to us to pass it on as they did — confidently and generously. And we do.

Each year in the Diocese of Baker the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of your fellow parishioners as they help all kinds of people walk the way of Christ in His Church. Dedicated disciples spread the Word about the Way to those who've not heard it. Well-trained catechists show learners young and old that the Way is the Truth that comes to Life in the Sacraments. The theme of the 2024 Appeal reminds us that this is as it should be, for **Handing on the Faith** is the heart of the Church's mission to the world.

I encourage you to review the brochure which illustrates some of the ministries, programs, and services made possible by contributions to the 2024 Appeal. Thank you to all for faithfully taking part, your generosity helps make the burden light.

As you consider a donation to **Handing on the Faith** this year, keep this thought in mind: faith comes alive when together we hand it on to those who seek the Light we ourselves reflect.

Gratefully in the Lord,



Bishop Liam Cary

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## How is Your 2024 Donation Going to Support our Eastern Oregon Catholic Mission?

### *Clergy Formation*

Seminarian education, clergy assembly, priest retreat, enculturation of our foreign priests, and clergy education.

### *Family Life*

Family faith resources, events, retreats and family camps.

### *Parish Ministry Leadership*

Enables development of community life networking across the diocese through monthly online meetings, deanery discipleship conferences, and the annual Symposium gathering.

### *Youth & Young Adult Ministry*

Leadership, middle school, high school and young adult retreats and events.

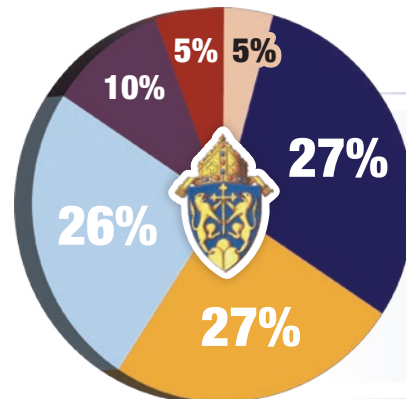
### *Mission & Outreach*

Part-time Pro Life Office, Pro-Life events, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, prison visitations with mass and compliance and resources for Protecting God's Children.

### *Catholic School Support*

Funds a portion of the cost for the Office of Superintendent which provides administrative, growth, and development support for our schools.

## How Your Donation Was Used in 2023



- 27% Sustaining Clergy Programs
- 27% Inspiring Communication
- 26% Evangelization & Catechesis
- 10% Education & Formation
- 5% Supporting Our Seminarians
- 5% Family & Respect Life

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Bishop's  
2024  
Annual Appeal

# Handing ON THE FAITH

Through your generosity, the Diocese was able to increase the support of our 2023 Catholic mission from \$675,000 to \$709,800!

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Your Support, No Matter the Size,  
Makes a Difference! Thank you!  
Or Give Online at [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Cary's mission is supported in part through the Annual Appeal ensuring he has the resources and support in **Handing on the Faith** to the Catholic Church in Eastern Oregon.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Our Catholic schools play a crucial role in **Handing on the Faith**, forming students of strong character with a clear Catholic identity and a future full of hope.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

BAA funds are vitally important in the support of Diocesan outreach ministries, including Protecting God's Children, Respect Life, and Prison Ministry. These ministries are growing in number, enabling us to expand in our mission to **Hand on the Faith** to all God's people.



## CLERGY FORMATION

The Annual Appeal enables Bishop Cary to provide quality programs to help form and sustain our priests from seminary through retirement and their role in **Handing on the Faith** to those they shepherd.



## HANDING ON THE FAITH TO YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Adolescents and teens (ages 12-18) are our emerging leaders and protagonists in the Church, schools, and local communities. Young adults (ages 18-39) are also having an impact on the Church and society today.

Youth and Young Adult ministries rely heavily on the Annual Appeal to support spiritual events and retreats, giving them the knowledge they need to fuel their desire to serve with purpose in their parish and community.

## FAMILY LIFE

Enriching the faith and keeping God at the center of every family home is integral to **Handing on the Faith**.



## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

The Evangelization and Catechesis Office is dedicated to **Handing on the Faith** through parish ministry leaders and catechists, who are called to teach a way of life and to form disciples of Jesus.



**"The measure of love is to love without measure."**  
- Saint Francis de Sales

