

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Saint Paul encourages us to rejoice at all times, to pray without ceasing and to always be grateful. Any familiarity with Saint Paul's life and ministry would make us aware that he was no naively optimistic, he faced great challenges with hope because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

The Diocese of Lexington strives to minister as Saint Paul did and to do so with the same faith and hope. In my tenth year as bishop of this diocese, I can easily say that my faith and hope continue to grow because of the good work I see being accomplished for God's kingdom and because of the wonderful people like you who are doing that work! Difficult circumstances exist throughout the fifty counties of our diocese. That might mean a poor economic climate or it might mean being surrounded by a consumerist and secular culture not paying much attention to the gospel. But in worship and in service, our local Church is alive and eager to share our faith.

The work of the diocese is dependent upon our unity in Christ. Our annual appeal, celebrates that unity and we put our faith and resources together to have an ever greater impact on this beautiful part of Kentucky. Supporting our rural and mountain parishes, helping clients of Catholic Charities and parish outreach centers stretch their resources a bit farther, providing better opportunities for worship and faith formation among the disabled, working to preserve and celebrate the wonders of creation, forming priests and deacons for the future, ministering to college students throughout the diocese and in many other ways the Diocese of Lexington is united in Christ to share his life-giving presence everywhere.

I ask you to prayerfully consider your participation in this work of the Church and specifically to provide the financial support you can for our ministry. Each year I am eager to see more people join in this annual appeal so that we are all doing our part and promoting our Oneness in Christ.

Thanks for all that you are already doing! Please join me inviting others to be part of our mission.

Peace and all good,

*+ John Stowe, OFM Conv.*

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.  
Catholic Diocese of Lexington







## ABOUT THE CATHOLIC 'DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington serves Central Kentucky and the mountainous/rural areas of Eastern Kentucky. The two areas exist in stark contrast but serve as places of opportunity for faith and evangelization. Poverty and unemployment rates in Appalachia are 75% higher than the national average. While Catholics are low in number, the church is known as a source of comfort for all.

The diocese encompasses an area the size of Maryland, Delaware, and Rhode Island combined, half of which is in the heart of Appalachia. Roman Catholics comprise 3% of the total population. Of the 59 parishes and missions in our diocese, roughly 40 rely on external funding to meet daily expenses. The diocese supplements parishes, schools, and outreach ministries in the mountains with over \$1.4 Million each year, contributed by faithful stewards like you. Our need is much greater than this. *Will you help us?*

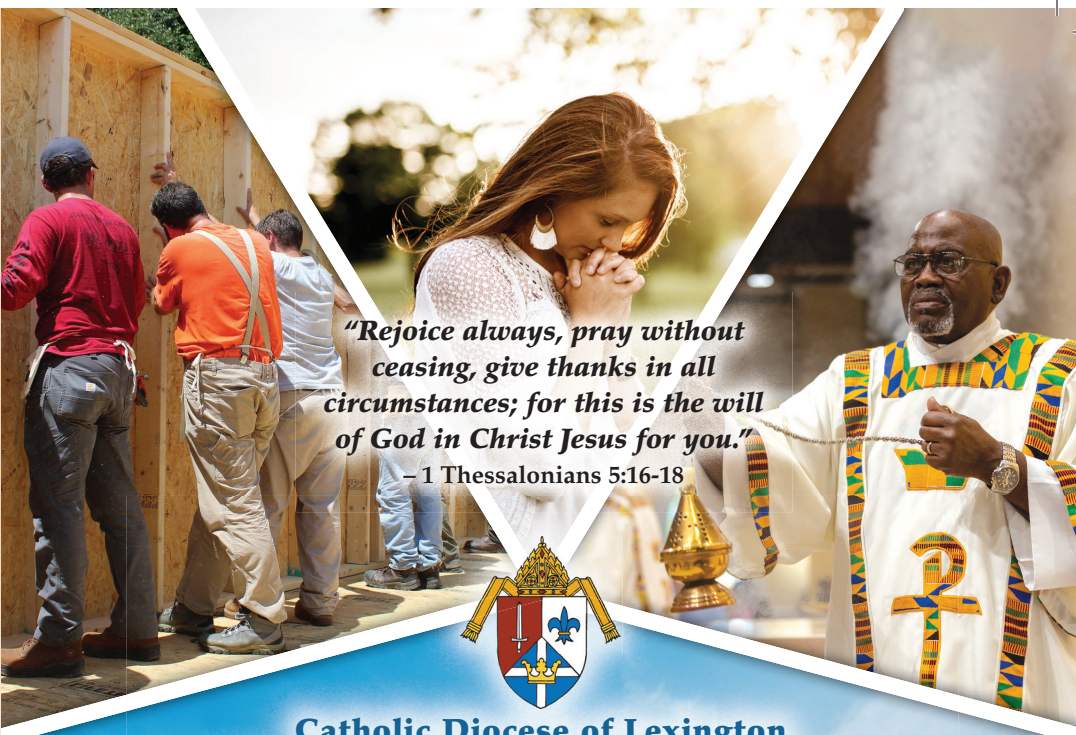
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|  Seminarians & Vocations |  Stewardship       |  Technology          |




Catholic Diocese of Lexington

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2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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**Rev. Paul Prabell,**  
*Vicar for Retired Priests*

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& Campus Ministry**

**4%**



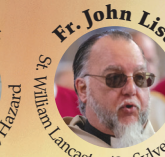
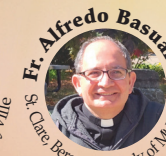
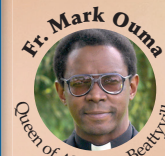
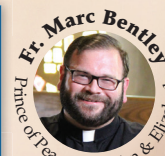
"By helping to fund the Servant Leadership Institute, the Diocesan Annual Appeal has given young people the opportunity to see what it means to be a truly Catholic leader, and not just a leader who happens to be Catholic. Through small acts of service done with great love, they can accept the call to leadership in the Church both today and for the rest of their lives."

**Michael Armstrong,**  
*Director of Youth, Young Adult, & Campus Ministry*

## DONATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL SUPPORT:

- College campus ministries at Berea College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and the University of Kentucky
- Significant support for Catholic Charities to operate and provide emergency assistance for natural disasters
- Increased support for food pantries in many of our Eastern Kentucky parishes
- Home repair and assistance
- Salaries and benefits of priests, parish life directors and parish life coordinators who minister in Appalachia
- Catholic Schools tuition assistance
- Priest Retirement
- Seminarian Education
- Hispanic Ministry through the Centro de San Juan Diego

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