
12,000

ENROLLED IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
GRADES PRE-K TO 12

22

SEMINARIANS STUDYING FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

106,000

PEOPLE AND MORE ASSISTED BY
CATHOLIC CHARITIES LAST YEAR

1,380

LAY MINISTERS CERTIFIED SINCE THE LAY MINISTRY
FORMATION PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1987

25,000

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

THANK YOU

FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY

By pooling our resources, we can make a difference in our parishes, our diocese and society at large. Your gift to the 2018 Diocesan Appeal supports ministries like these:

- SEMINARIAN EDUCATION
- LAY MINISTRY FORMATION
- COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY
- RETIRED PRIESTS
- LIFE AND FAMILY EVANGELIZATION
- YOUTH MINISTRY
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES
- ST. ELIZABETH CENTER
- DEAF APOSTOLATE MINISTRY
- AND MANY MORE!

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Love

ONE ANOTHER



"This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you."
-JOHN 15:12

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

In the Gospel of John, Jesus commands us to "Love One Another."

Love One Another is a challenge in a world where Christ's love is greatly needed and at times rarely seen. But this call to give hope and forgiveness, comfort and support as Jesus gives them is possible, especially once we draw from the great love that Jesus has for us.

The Diocese of Rockford provides ministries and programs that share Christ's love with others. Your generous support of the 2018 Diocesan Appeal will help Jesus' love to be known and imitated in the Rockford Diocese. Funds raised through this appeal serve people of all ages through a number of parish-based and diocesan-wide ministries and programs.

Your support allows us first of all to educate and prepare our seminarians for ordination to the priesthood. These young men will help ensure the future availability of the sacraments of Jesus' love, including baptism, confession and the unsurpassable gift of the Eucharist.

This appeal instructs and trains permanent deacons. It supports the many programs for engaged and married couples through the LIFE Office. Youth ministers and catechists benefit from education and ideas for their parish programs for young people.

Loving outreach beyond parish boundaries happens through our Catholic Charities offices in its work on behalf of people whose lives can improve with professional counseling, emergency services, advocacy and life instruction.

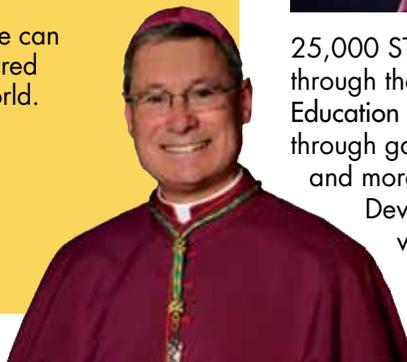
A handful of other ministries to help us all love one another are provided through this appeal including prison and jail ministry, the deaf apostolate, college campus ministry, lay ministry formation and assistance to our retired priests.

With your help, the Rockford Diocese can continue to share the love of His Sacred Heart and shine His light into the world.

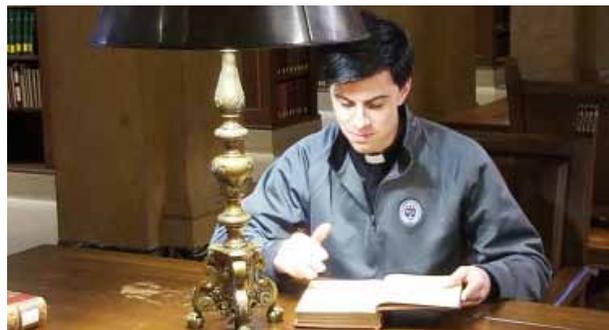
Thank you for your generosity,

+ *David J. Malloy*

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
BISHOP OF ROCKFORD



IT IS THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TO THE 2018 DIOCESAN APPEAL THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BRING THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THOSE IN NEED AND TEACH THE FAITH TO YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. THAT WORK TAKES FORM IN MANY DIFFERENT DIOCESAN MINISTRIES.



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD recruits, trains, and forms our 22 seminarians who will be our future priests serving in our parishes. We are also grateful for our 118 Active and 55 Retired Priests that serve all of us in the Diocese.



25,000 STUDENTS are involved in religious education through their parishes and high schools. The Catholic Education Office supports parish youth ministers through gatherings, catechetical leader training and more. SPRED (Special Religious Education Development) provides faith formation for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities.



OVER 106,000 PEOPLE were assisted by Catholic Charities last year. Programs include Adolescent Outreach, Refugee Resettlement, Immigration, Counseling, Job Training, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, St. Elizabeth Center, and more.



THE LAY MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM started in 1987. Currently there are eighty-one enrolled in the two year program. 1,380 have completed the program and so many continue to offer their time and gifts to parishes throughout the Diocese.