

## A Message from Bishop Ricken

We are the light of the world! God calls each of us to share the light of Christ. Through the Bishop's Appeal, we are there for those struggling.

Your gift leads people out of the darkness of depression and addiction into the light of life. The compassionate care of Catholic Charities helps people every day. Our priests, deacons, and lay leaders receive training and formation to enhance the ministries of our parishes. Education programs share the Gospel of Jesus with our youth.

*"You are the light of the world."  
-- Matthew 5:14*

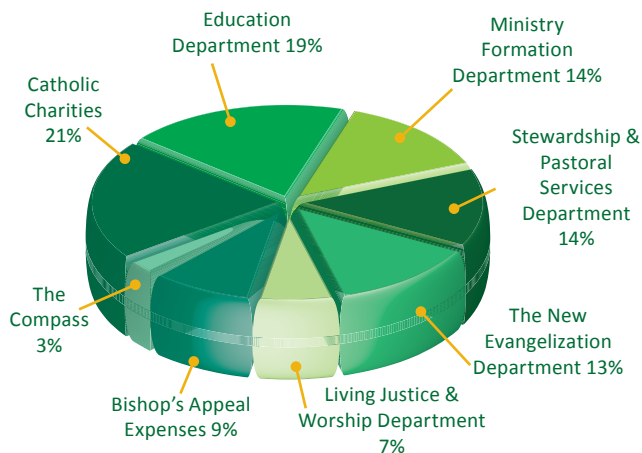
The Appeal enables us to express charity to our neighbors. Through these ministries we evangelize, we teach, we minister, we educate and love our neighbors throughout our 16-county diocese. Thank you for your generous support. May God Bless you!

*Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2014 Bishop's Appeal.*

## Our Promise to You

The 2013 Bishop's Appeal raised more than \$5,400,000. These funds were used, without exception, to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese.

It is our continuing pledge to you to use all the funds received during the 2014 Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal).



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# 2014 Bishop's Appeal

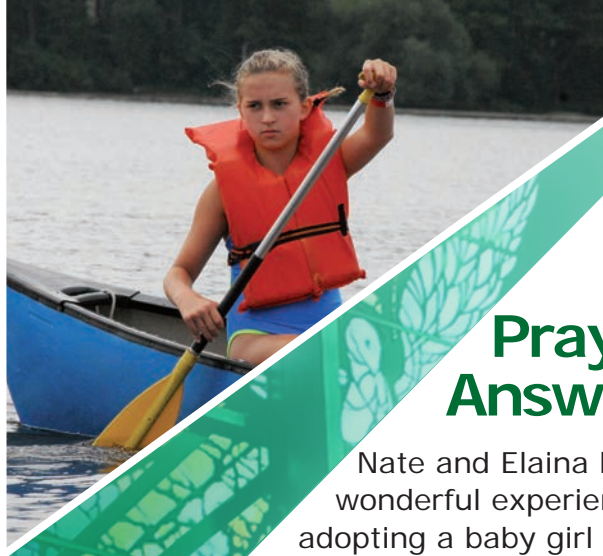
# Sharing the light of CHRIST

# Camp Tekakwitha

"Faith, friends, and fun...we're here to develop faith, it's the foundation of what we do," says Camp Tekakwitha Director, Eric Blumreich.

"I grew deeply in my faith because of camp; this is a place that can lead to a transformational moment for young people. Experiencing creation in this environment can be the most meaningful factor for young campers in understanding who they are as children and as people of God."

***"At Camp, we plant the seeds of faith."***



## Prayers Answered

Nate and Elaina had a wonderful experience adopting a baby girl through Catholic Charities. "The day they called us and said a birth mother had chosen us, was a day I'll never forget! We have so much gratitude for the birth mother, and are humbled to be chosen," says Elaina.

"Catholic Charities is amazing to work with. They helped every step of the way with any questions... We just can't thank them enough for all they've done to help answer our prayers and have our dreams become real."

***"Catholic Charities made our dreams a reality."***



# Teaching Children

"The Bishop's Appeal makes a difference to Most Precious Blood Catholic School of New London," says principal Anne Koehnke.

"We give your children the education they need, we help develop their Catholic identity, and we have small class sizes. The diocese provides education, staff training and technology..."

***"The Bishop's Appeal makes a difference... it brings in the resources we need to give our students the education they deserve."***

