



# Bishop's Appeal 2013

## ALIVE in FAITH

**Did you Know?** The Bishop's Appeal funds are distributed across a number of diocesan ministries and programs to the benefit of those in need throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

**This communiqué** will provide some insights as to where, to whom and how your generosity supports the various diocesan programs and ministries. To understand how the funds from the Bishop's Appeal are distributed, see the table to the right. Each topic below has a very brief sample of the ministry and the role it plays in helping the people of our Diocese.

**What is Catholic Charities?** Catholic Charities provides outreach services to thousands of people throughout northeastern Wisconsin. With



offices in five communities, Catholic Charities is able to be there for people in need. Here are three of the many difference-making programs they provide:

- the Individual and Family Counseling Services includes mental health counseling for families, couples and children;
- the Financial Health Program offers tools and guidance to help people learn responsible financial management;
- Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling provides support to birth parents, adoptive couples and people with unplanned pregnancies.

Catholic Charities uses a sliding fee scale, so they are able to serve people who are most in need.

**Did you know?** In our Diocese approximately 70% of registered Catholics do not attend Mass regularly. There is a great need to evangelize these unseen parishioners. We need to invite them to worship at Mass, hear the Word of God and receive our precious Savior in the Eucharist.

**What is the Worship & Living Justice Department?** One of the newer departments in the Diocese is Worship & Living Justice. You may already be aware

of their ministries. They include: Family and Marriage Preparation, Liturgical Year Planning, and Liturgy of Music. The Family Life and Marriage Preparation Ministry includes workshops for those entering into marriage or strengthening their marriage or family. This area also supports Respect Life activities.

### *Bishop's Appeal 2012 Allocations*

<i>Education</i>	<i>22%</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Worship, Living Justice &amp; New Evangelization</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Stewardship &amp; Pastoral Services</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Ministry Formation</i>	<i>14%</i>
<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>The Compass</i>	<i>4%</i>

**What is the New Evangelization Department?** This area focuses on young adult discipleship and formation and adult formation. They also support our college students through campus ministry at UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh.



## **What is the Stewardship and Pastoral Services Department?**

Stewardship and Pastoral Services assists parishes in nurturing ministries that help make parish communities more vibrant. A key focus in this area is to educate and encourage people to embrace living their lives in a stewardship kind of way. Other ministries include: support for persons with disabilities, ministry for deaf Catholics, retreats for the cognitively disabled and support of the diocesan mission in the Dominican Republic. Stewardship and Pastoral Services works with parish councils, long-term strategic parish planning and Hispanic outreach.



**What is The Compass Newspaper?** This is an important adult education tool for Catholics who are interested in learning about the news and views of the Diocese. This award-winning weekly print communication reaches out to thousands of people every week. Four percent of the collected funds support this publication and its distribution throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

## **What is the Ministry Formation Department?**

Ministry Formation develops and implements programs that emphasize lay and religious leadership development and training. Some examples include the Leadership Formation Program which certifies people for service in the areas of Pastoral Ministry (Pastoral Associate, Liturgical Minister), Educational Ministry (Director of Religious Education, Principals). The

Minister Formation area contains the Diaconate Program which provides formation to men interested in becoming deacons. This program also supports the continuing formation of over 130 deacons in our Diocese.

In 2003 an enhanced program called “Protecting God’s Children” began. This program’s goal is to help end sexual abuse and involves an extensive on going education and training program, called VIRTUS. To date, more than 28,000 priests, parish, Catholic school and diocesan staff as well as volunteers have been trained in VIRTUS and have had legal background checks run on them.

## **What does the Education Department do?**

The Education Department supports religious education programs in parishes and schools. The area provides training and resources for programs that bring our Catholic faith to people of all ages. The Education department is focused on three strategies:

1. helping parishes provide quality religious education,
3. working with our Catholic schools to share best practices,
4. establishing a good religious curriculum in our Catholic Schools.



The education department also supports Camp Tekawitha, our diocesan youth camp and youth ministry in the Diocese.

## **How much does the Bishop’s Appeal cost?**

Last year, nine percent of funds collected went toward managing the Bishop’s Appeal program within the Catholic Foundation. This supports the office staff responsible for developing, producing and distributing the various Bishop’s Appeal communications and other types of print and video media materials.

**Please prayerfully consider reaching out this year by making a generous gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. Thank you for your support of the Appeal!**

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