



Bishop's Appeal 2015

Building Disciples of Christ

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 flyer 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 ministries 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:

- Individual and Family Counseling Services includes mental health counseling for families, couples and children;
- 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 the Eucharist.

What is the Living Justice Department? This department ignites passion for the sanctity of human life and advocates for marriage, family life and justice for the oppressed. They foster various activities and projects consistent with Catholic Social Teaching. Some of their ministries include: Family Life & Marriage Preparation, Respect Life activities, and Catholic Social Justice.

<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Ministry Formation</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Stewardship & Pastoral Services</i>	<i>14%</i>
<i>The New Evangelization</i>	<i>14%</i>
<i>Bishop's Appeal</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Living Justice</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>The Compass</i>	<i>3%</i>

What is the New Evangelization Department? This dynamic group focuses on young adult discipleship, ministry, and adult faith formation. They also support our college students through campus ministry at UW-Green Bay and UW-Oshkosh. The New Evangelization offers workshops, such as Girlfriends in God, Encounter, and many other speaker series designed to help people of all ages encounter Christ.



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 Emmaus Program which certifies people for service in the areas of Pastoral Ministry, Liturgy, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Parish Business Management. The Ministry 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 prevent sexual abuse and involves an extensive on going education and training program, called VIRTUS. To date, more than 33,000 priests, parish, Catholic school and diocesan staff as well as volunteers have been trained in VIRTUS and have had legal background checks.



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 newspaper reaches thousands of people every week. Three percent of the collected funds support this publication and its distribution throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

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 does the Education Department do? The Education Department supports religious education programs in parishes and schools. This 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,
2. working with our Catholic schools to share best practices,
3. establishing a good religious curriculum in our Catholic Schools.

The education department also supports Camp Tekakwitha, our diocesan youth camp.

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 to others this year by making a generous gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. Thank you for your support!

For more information on the Bishop’s Appeal, please call Josh Diedrich, Director of the Bishop’s Appeal, toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8197, or visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org