

## About the Appeal....

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help share the Word of God with people throughout northeastern Wisconsin. Here are a few of the ministries supported through the Bishop's Appeal.



## Ministry Formation....

God calls each of us to serve the Church. The Ministry Formation Department works with people who have been called to the priesthood, diaconate, or lay ministry.

## Stewardship & Pastoral Services....



Serving parish leaders and helping parish communities become *Alive in Faith* are what Stewardship & Pastoral Services is all about.

Through seminars and ministries like parish planning and revitalization and the implementation of "Parishes: Called to be Holy, Fully Engaged, Fully Alive," this department is helping parishes enhance their ministries.



## Education....

For Kari Kruser of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, Two Rivers, sharing her faith with young people is a true joy.



Kari receives support from Sr. Jackie Spaniola of the diocesan Education Department.

"Sr. Jackie has just been such a blessing because she's so knowledgeable, and I've learned so much from her," said Kari.

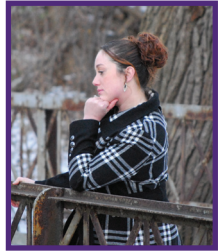
Your support of the Bishop's Appeal makes this help possible for Kari and hundreds of educators across the Diocese.

## Worship, Living Justice & The New Evangelization....

These two newly aligned departments are helping couples prepare for the joys and challenges of married life. They also provide liturgical training for liturgists and musicians, support for young adults and adult faith formation ministries.

## Catholic Charities....

For Amanda, she knows first-hand the fear and pain of domestic abuse. She and her three children lived that nightmare for many years.



When Amanda left her abuser, she found herself in severe debt. She contacted Catholic Charities Financial Health Program for help and guidance.

Bobbie Lison used several tools with Amanda to help her learn how to manage her money. Catholic Charities did not pay her bills but rather provided Amanda with a plan to be self-sufficient.

Through Amanda's hard work and training from Catholic Charities, she is debt-free and has hope for the future.

**"Thank you so very much. It's people like you who keep this program going and without it, who knows where I would be?" said Amanda.**





## A Message from Bishop Ricken

Dear Friends in Christ,

Living our faith empowers us. St. Paul knew this. In his letters, he highlights God's great love for us.

One way we can show that our faith is alive is through the Bishop's Appeal. Last year, your gift enlivened many ministries. They included sharing the Gospel message, caring for the poor, and preparing engaged couples for marriage. This work happens in our parishes and Catholic schools and is strengthened through diocesan departments like the Department of Education and Catholic Charities.

*I live by faith  
in the Son of God  
who has loved me  
and given himself  
up for me.*

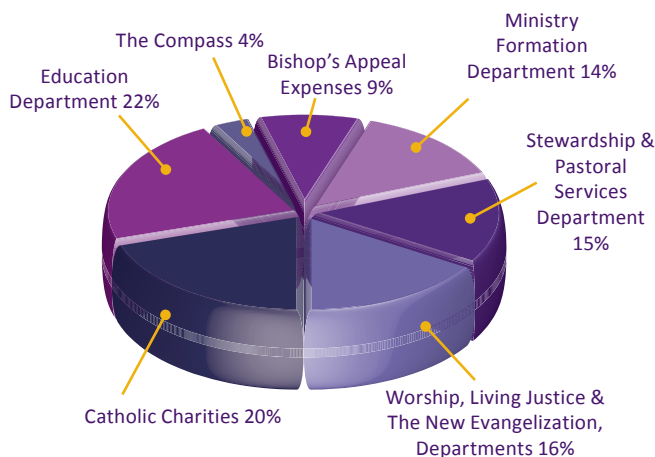
- Galatians 2:20

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2013 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your support and God bless you!

## Our Promise to You

The 2012 Bishop's Appeal raised \$5,290,000. 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 2013 Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on the Bishop's Appeal web site at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal).



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