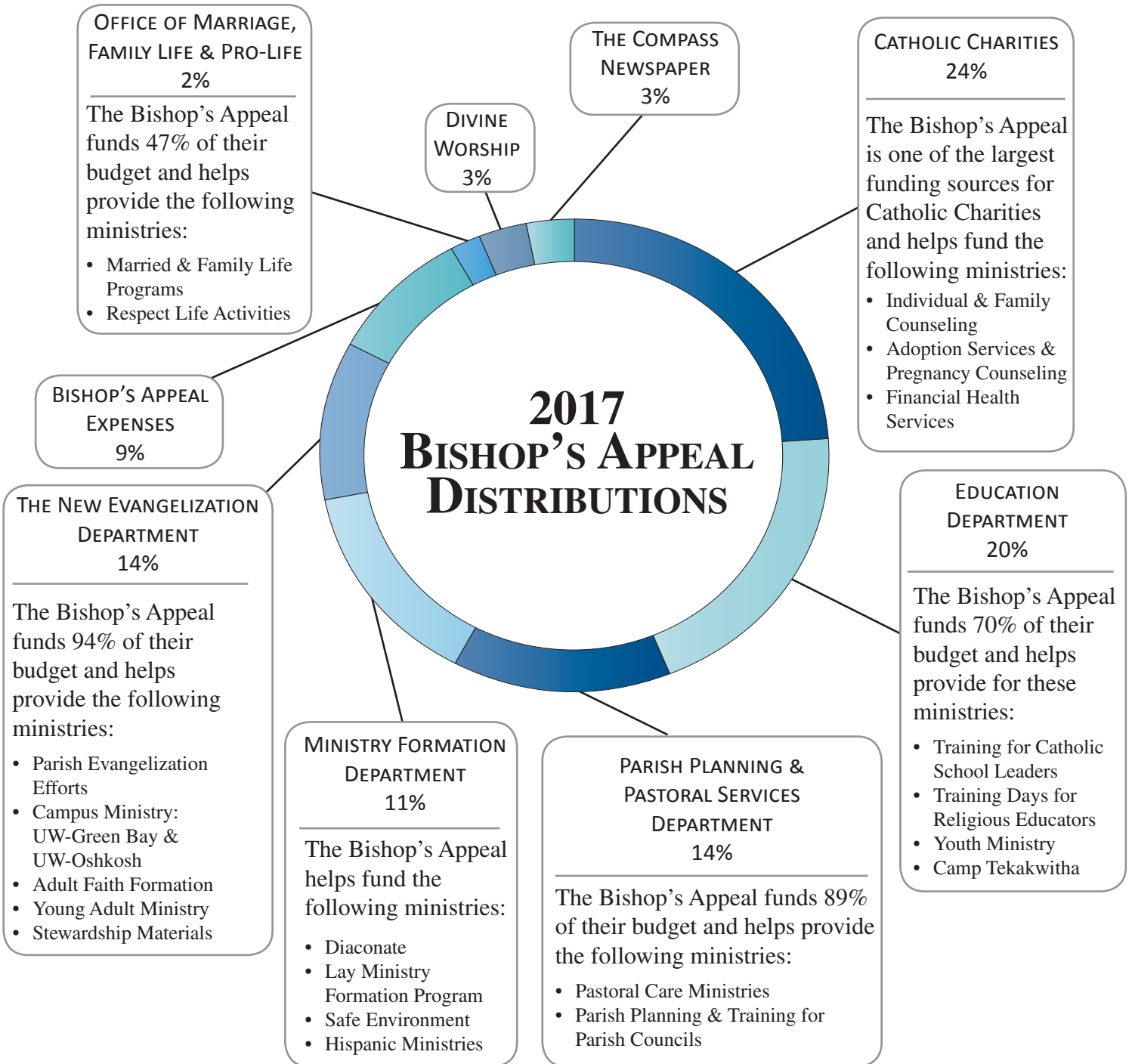


# 2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Total Amount Raised: \$5,937,978

It is with grateful hearts that we report today the Bishop's Appeal has raised \$5,937,978 from more than 31,300 families and individuals. Each year, through your support of the Bishop's Appeal, you impact the faith lives of thousands of families, individuals and communities throughout northeastern Wisconsin. Year after year, people have looked to the Church for inspiration and spiritual direction through life.

We are truly thankful for your generosity to the Church. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes a significant difference! To learn more about the Bishop's Appeal, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org). Thank you.



## *Catholic Charities Shares the Light of Christ*

Jesus call us to share the light of Christ with those around us. Catholic Charities offers a light to people in darkness. Catholic Charities works with individuals, families and communities to help them meet their needs and resolve their problems.



Catholic Charities is committed to bringing social services to persons of all faiths and ethnicities. Thousands of individuals and families are helped each year in five offices throughout our 16-county diocese. Many have little or no health insurance. They offer programs in:

- Individual and Family Counseling
- Adoption, Pregnancy and Parenting Support
- Family Strengthening
- Financial Health

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal allows Catholic Charities to bring the light of Christ to those who need it most.



## *Growing Future Church Leaders*

Just as the early disciples traveled on the road to Emmaus with Jesus, today we have future church leaders journeying through the Emmaus Program who will ultimately serve as parish lay ministers. Parishes benefit greatly by having lay ministers as Pastoral Associates, Parish Business Managers, Directors of Religious Education and Religious Education Teachers.

It takes approximately three years to complete the formation process. On their journey, future leaders experience a remarkable spiritual awakening and learn to share their faith with others. By participating in classes, workshops and retreats and seminars, they learn to use their love and skills to become the face of Christ to others.



When you give to the Bishop's Appeal you share God's love and help others to become fully alive in Christ!