

## 2019 Bishop's Appeal Video Script

- Deacon Todd: In my life, I have not been as close to God. But He's always found a way to pull me back. You know, it's funny sometimes how God can work in your life.
- Narrator: For Todd Raether God led him to share the Catholic faith with middle school students at Sacred Heart Parish in Shawano.
- Deacon Todd: You know I think I've been a youth minister for right around thirty years.
- Narrator: As a deacon, students know they can count on him for guidance as they make difficult life choices.
- Deacon Todd: To lead those kids to help them make a choice that that could really save their life, that's why I do this.
- Narrator: As a missionary of hope, Deacon Todd is grateful he is able to help young people build life-long relationships with Jesus.
- Athena: He just teaches us about Jesus and saints and he's a really great teacher.
- Isabella: He is amazing, he's funny and he's just a great guy.
- Narrator: Through your support of the Bishop's Appeal, you help students like Athena and Isabella and others embrace a life of discipleship. You also made it possible for Todd to complete the Diaconate program.
- Narrator: As a Deacon, Todd helps people of all ages discover, follow, worship and share Jesus. We also witness other *Missionaries of Hope* helping students discover Jesus in our Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs. We witness *Missionaries of Hope* supporting college students eager to stay connected to their faith. And we witness *Missionaries of Hope* who bring Holy Communion and a friendly face to people who are sick and homebound. There are thousands of *Missionaries of Hope* throughout our communities.
- When you give to the Bishop's Appeal you support them and you help many people in need through the ministry of Catholic Charities. Today, many families in northeastern Wisconsin face challenging times.
- Ginny: I would have been either living out of my car or living on the streets. If I didn't have Beth's help, I would be in major debt. Beth taught me how to pull myself out of debt and how to live debt free.

Beth: What I do with Catholic Charities is financial health counseling and coaching so I meet with individuals on a regular basis to help them determine their best options for whatever financial crisis or problem they are having at the time.

Narrator: Beth has several tools she uses with clients like Ginny. These tools help families manage their money and live debt free. Catholic Charities does not pay their bills but rather provides a plan to be self-sufficient.

Narrator: Catholic Charities helps families in need of financial health programs, and other ministries like mental health counseling and adoption services. Through the Bishop's Appeal you make this possible.

Beth: I give to the Bishop's Appeal because I really believe in our mission. I believe in the services that are provided in the community that otherwise maybe wouldn't be received.

Narrator: As Catholics, we are missionaries of hope – caring for those struggling in life and inspiring those eager to grow deeper in their faith.

Bishop Ricken: This is Bishop David Ricken. You have just witnessed *Missionaries of Hope* in action. Each of us is called to be a missionary disciple bringing hope to those in need.

One way you can do this is by volunteering at your parish. Help teach faith formation classes, bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, or simply welcome a new person at Mass.

Another easy way to help people is by giving a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. For more than 50 years, families have been generously supporting the Church through the Appeal. Gifts are used to support the many ministries of our Diocese that reach out to help thousands of people every year.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal today. On behalf of all the people benefiting from your prayers and generosity, thank you! May God bless you: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.