Our Promise to You

The 2019 Bishop’s Appeal raised $5,907,389. 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 2020 Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on the Bishop’s Appeal web site at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal.

For more than 50 years the Bishop’s Appeal has been proudly supporting the many ministries of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay.

† Care ministers receive training to pray and share Holy Communion with parishioners who are in nursing homes, hospitals or homebound.

† Parish faith formation leaders and Catholic school educators receive the training to help our youth discover Jesus.

† Counselors at Catholic Charities provide services such as financial, mental health and addiction programs to help heal and support people in need.

† Provide workshops for couples entering into marriage or those looking to strengthen their marriage.

† Children grow closer to God in his outdoor classroom at Camp Tekakwitha.

† College students stay connected to our Catholic faith through the Newman Centers at UW Oshkosh and UW Green Bay.

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A Message from Bishop Ricken

As Catholics we are called to actively live out our faith, rise to the challenge of the Gospel and share the love of Jesus with all people.

One easy way to live out our faith is by supporting the 2020 Bishop’s Appeal – Rising in Faith.

When we rise in faith we lead young people to discover Jesus for the first time. We welcome back members of the faith who struggled with addiction and mental illness by providing counseling through Catholic Charities. Together through the Bishop’s Appeal we bring the love and healing presence of Jesus to thousands of people in our Diocese each year.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal today.

“Faith can move mountains.”
– Matthew 17:20

Catholic Charities

For Mark and his wife, Leah, their dream of becoming parents was made a reality thanks to the adoption service program at Catholic Charities. Throughout the adoption process Catholic Charities counselors listened to their concerns, reassured them during difficult times and made them feel cared for and supported.

The Kempen family’s Catholic faith carried them through this journey to parenthood. Their home and hearts would not be filled with children’s laughter and love if not for the services provided by Catholic Charities.

Through your support of the Bishop’s Appeal you not only help families with adoption services you also provide financial counseling and other ministries like mental health, alcohol and drug addiction programs and grief support to people in need.

“Having children increases your faith. Children are the life of the Church.”
– Mark Kempen, Parent of Adopted Children

Faith Formation

As we Rise in Faith we lead young people to discover Jesus for the first time. For Kyle, he did not attend Mass regularly. But that all changed after a friend invited him to attend faith formation.

Kyle was able to grow closer to God because of his faith formation educators. He now attends Mass regularly and prays daily. Through your support of the Bishop’s Appeal, Catholic educators receive the tools and training to inspire students to develop life-long relationships with Jesus.

This happens every day in our parishes, Catholic schools and at Camp Tekakwitha.

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