

## **2023 Bishop's Appeal Video Script**

### **NARRATOR**

Light. It surrounds us. Warms the earth beneath us and nurtures life all around us. The Light of Christ. Sustains us. Leads us. Gives us hope. And as He gives us His light and life, we answer the call to share this Light with others.

Bob Lewinski is answering the call to share the light of Christ with the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene and those in the Waupaca community.

### **BOB LEWINSKI**

I've been a parishioner at St. Mary Magdalene for over 50 years and transitioned into more of the ministry work that I'm currently doing. When I first got hired at the parish, one of the first things that I attended was Entrust, and it was a great experience. I went all by myself, but everybody at the Green Bay Diocese rallied around me and assisted me and I got to know them on a personal basis.

I had an opportunity to go back to a second Entrust with members from my parish, and that was even more fulfilling because I had their company with me that day. Entrust really helped our team grow and all of this is possible because of the Bishop's Appeal.

### **JAMIE WHALEN**

I'm really grateful for the opportunity to work with and accompany people like Bob. He's served well and served faithfully in his parish for many years. And to be able to provide him the formation opportunities that he needs with assistance from the Foundation, has, has really been a blessing.

### **BOB LEWINSKI**

The use of the education that the Green Bay Diocese provides back for us, the support that we receive from the Bishop's Appeal, that's why Mary and I choose to support the Bishop's Appeal.

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The Bishop's Appeal also supports the caring staff at Catholic Charities in sharing the Light of Christ through their life-saving ministries. Stevie and Michelle Pingel have been able to grow their family through the Adoption Services program.

**MICHELLE**

Faith is the foundation of our family, that all of our big decisions are based around our faith, and just our choice in adoption was really based around our faith, as well.

**STEVIE**

There definitely are a lot of challenges that go along with any adoption journey. For us, we knew it was going to happen the way that God wanted it to happen. We were being matched for a baby, but it was the happiest yet scariest moment.

**MICHELLE**

I see the light of Christ shining through Catholic Charities every time that I talk with somebody from Catholic Charities and the wonderful warm joy I see in the ministry that they do.

**CHELSEA**

I think what we do at Catholic Charities to support pro-life is we're there. We're there every minute with someone, and we're there whether they decide to create an adoption plan or whether they decide parenting is the best option for them.

**NARRATOR**

Chelsea and her team at Catholic Charities support families through open adoption. When the Pingel family grew with their son Parker, it also grew to include Parker's birth mother Lauren. Lauren is an incredibly brave, strong, and loving young woman who has shared the Light of Christ by choosing life.

**LAUREN**

Parker is so blessed to have you guys and I honestly cannot imagine anyone else being his parents. That's what has made this so easy is it feels right. You know, you were meant to be his parents. Thank you so much for everyone who's donated to the Bishop's Appeal and especially Catholic Charities. It truly does make a difference in people's lives.

**MICHELLE**

Giving to the Bishop's Appeal, you support Catholic Charities, and through Catholic Charities you support adoption. And without Catholic Charities and the money that was given to the Bishop's Appeal to support them, we wouldn't have our family. So we're forever grateful to Catholic Charities and those who donate to the Bishop's Appeal.

**BISHOP RICKEN**

It is such a blessing to go out to our parishes and see His light shining so brightly! Just like at St. Mary Magdalene, our parishes are using the training funded by Bishop's Appeal, to Share the Light of Christ.

Every day, Catholic Charities is making a difference. They are the Light of Christ to people in need. For many people building a friendship with Jesus is the first step in becoming a disciple. Through evangelization ministries we help people to discover Jesus.

Educators in our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs learn new ways to help young people to know and love the Lord. Each year we're raising up a new generation of missionary disciples.

All of this and so much more is possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Please join me in Sharing the Light of Christ by making your gift today. Thank you for your generous support of the Church.

May God bless you and your family abundantly. In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.