

2024 Bishop's Appeal Video Script

Bishop: Every single day, Jesus calls us into a deeper relationship with Him. He is in our hearts, in our minds, in our actions and in the work of the Church through the Holy Eucharist. It is Jesus who provides us strength and encourages us to grow closer to Him, and we have the wonderful opportunity to share Him with our friends, family and everyone we meet.

Helping people discover Jesus happens in our Catholic schools, faith formation programs and other diocesan ministries that are funded through the Bishop's Appeal. Because of your support of the Appeal, we are able to bring Jesus to thousands of people across northeastern Wisconsin. Over the next few minutes, you will see how the Church is Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts.

Eileen: Living the Eucharist starts with Jesus. Every interaction, every moment, and every gift comes from His love.

One of the greatest gifts has been a thousand people discovering Jesus in a much deeper way through an Entrust Retreat.

What inspires me about the Entrust retreatants is how on fire they are for the Lord. They are so excited to be able to take that love of Jesus and share it with everyone. Each person has a goal to disciple and journey with two people in their parish. You help make these diocesan Entrust Retreats possible.

Through the Bishop's Appeal, you also impact thousands of lives in Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, and Lay Leadership Formation.

Catholic schools are another way we live out the Eucharist.

Becky: At the heart of Catholic Schools is helping young people build a lifelong friendship with Jesus. We embrace our mission that is rooted in the Catholic faith by giving students an outstanding education that puts Jesus at the center.

Our goal is to bring them to the kingdom of God and to help them learn how to bring others to Jesus. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal helps us inspire these young people to live the Eucharist.

Gerard: Our Catholic schools and faith formation programs are forming the future of our Church. The Parish Life & Family Mission Team is blessed to provide training for faith formation leaders. We also offer parishes best practices in operations, family life ministry and liturgy.

As Catholics, every Sunday during Mass, we have an opportunity to spend some time with the Lord in prayer, hear the Word of God and receive Holy Communion. As a new member of our Diocese, I am so impressed with the deep faith people have here and all the ways you support the Church. It's a beautiful blessing!

Karmen: Each day, I am blessed to be a part of the mission of Catholic Charities. Our motto is Seeing the Face of Jesus in All. Whether someone is struggling with depression or facing a challenging time in their marriage – Catholic Charities is there for them. We also are there for couples eager to grow their family through adoption services. We are focused on giving a helping hand to those in need. Just as Jesus is there for each of us every day – Catholic Charities is there as the face of Jesus to those most in need. This is part of how we as Catholics are Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts.

Karmen: On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

Gerard: Thank you for inviting Jesus into your heart, deepening your faith and supporting the mission of the Church through the Bishop's Appeal.

Becky: Thank you for your support and all you do for our young people.

Eileen: On behalf of the more than 1,000 missionary disciples who have been trained and those they encounter, Thank you!

Bishop: Jesus is here. As I travel throughout the Diocese, I see the signs of Jesus in our midst. It is in the simple smile of a young person eager to receive communion for the first time. It is in the eyes of an 80-year-old woman who is being anointed during her final moments and her anticipation to be one with Jesus soon.

Jesus is here each and every day as we are Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts.

Your support makes such an impact on our ability to bring important diocesan ministries to our parishes, Catholic schools and to people in need of Jesus' love.

Thank you for sharing His love. Thank you for making His presence known. And thank you for discerning how God can move through you.

Please join me in Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts by making your generous pledge to the Bishop's Appeal today. Thank you for your support of the Church and for all the ways you live the Eucharist.

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