

Bishop's Appeal 2025 – FAQ's

1. What is the Bishop's Appeal and where does my donation go?

The Bishop's Appeal is a direct appeal asking the people of the diocese, to make a gift to support the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay. These ministries reach many different people in need. Young people learn about Jesus in our parishes and Catholic schools. Those in need of counseling are helped through the services of Catholic Charities. Men receive training and formation to become deacons. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps us build vibrant parishes and share the gospel throughout northeastern Wisconsin. The Bishop's Appeal kicks off in February.

2. What impact does my gift have?

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities reach out to those in need by providing individual and family counseling. Catholic Charities teaches people financial responsibility, provides adoption and pregnancy counseling to birth and adoptive parents, guides individuals with unplanned pregnancies, and offers other counseling services.

Your gift brings faith formation to people of all ages. Parishes and Catholic schools are able to provide strong religious curriculum, train educators and youth leaders, and much more.

Within parishes, your gift assists in training and supporting pastoral ministers, parish staff, deacons, and lay ministers. It supports outreach ministries, adult faith formation, and college campus ministries for young adults. These are just a few ways your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes a difference.

For more information, please visit our website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org.

3. What is the average gift? And how much should I give?

The average gift in 2024 was \$271. Through prayerful consideration, we encourage everyone to consider what they can share with those who have less. Even small donations add up when everyone participates.

4. How can I make a gift?

There are several easy ways to make a gift. In early February, every family will receive a letter from Bishop Ricken inviting them to make a gift. Simply fill out the pledge card and mail it in the enclosed blue envelope. Gifts may be made in monthly installments from March through December, or gifts may be one-time donations. The pledge card will include options that range from making your gift via credit card, check, electronic withdrawal directly from your checking or savings account, or online at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

5. Does my gift pay for any legal settlements?

No, the Bishop's Appeal has never been used to pay legal settlements. Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal have always been used to share the ministries and services of the Diocese of Green Bay with our parishes, Catholic schools and communities throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

6. Does my gift pay the Bishop's salary?

The Bishop's Appeal is an annual campaign that supports the ministries of the diocese. It does not pay for the Bishop's salary. The Appeal does provide support to diocesan ministries which reach out to thousands of people each year. Some of the ministries the Bishop's Appeal supports are Catholic Charities, the Office of Catholic Schools and Faith Formation, On Mission magazine, and the Missionary Leadership Institute, to name a few. The Bishop's Appeal is a wonderful way to share our faith with people who are interested in learning more or are in need of counseling and other services from Catholic Charities.

7. How much of my gift actually goes to support people in need?

Annually, 91 - 93% of your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay. That is 91¢ - 93¢ of every \$1.00!

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will help in countless ways. Children and families are able to attend lively, interactive education programs learning the Word of God. Through counseling with Catholic Charities, a young woman in an abusive relationship is able to stand on her own feet. Families seeking to adopt are connected with newborn babies. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal makes happy endings possible.

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