

ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT 2023



DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus boldly proclaims to His disciples, and to you and me alike, “You are the light of the world.” He calls us to embody His great light and go forth and bear it in the lives of others. He calls us to be living stars, shining our light in the darkness of this world, leading others to Jesus Himself—the only One who can fulfill the deepest longings of their hearts.

I have seen you shine your light for others through your support for the Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Your generosity helps spread the light of Christ through more than 19 Catholic ministries and programs in our local diocese providing a light of hope to others – THANK YOU!

Because you have let the Lord’s light shine in you, young adults are learning and growing together as students and with our diocesan community, seminarians are discerning God’s call



and studying how to serve the spiritual needs of His people, and our outreach programs are providing opportunities for evangelization and assistance so that our faith community remains strong. Thank you for leading the way in our diocese by demonstrating your commitment to KNOW, SERVE, AND LOVE GOD.

I pray that the Lord continues to fill us with His light and uses us as instruments of His love and mercy in the world. Let us imagine our own light intermingling with that of our Savior; and let us recognize that we play an irreplaceable role in helping others experience the truth that “God is with us.”

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ,

+ James R. Golka

Most Reverend James R. Golka



KNOW GOD

When you donate to the Annual Appeal, you support your parishes, schools, youth, and young adults on their journey to know and be with God. You are paving their pathway with opportunities, education, and encouragement while sparking the light of faith as they learn and grow in their relationship with God.

Campus Ministry/Newman Center,
Catholic Schools and Tuition
Assistance, Child and Youth
Protection, Marriage and Family Life,
Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry





YOUTH MINISTRY

"One of our pilot parishes, utilizing the consulting company we hired, saw phenomenal growth in their youth ministry program this year. Their goal was to form two, effective youth ministry small faith groups and they ended up forming five! Praise God!"

- Gary Niemerg, Youth Ministry



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

"I'm so excited to learn about Jesus!"

- 4-year-old student,
Holy Apostles Preschool





CAMPUS MINISTRY

“Campus Ministry has played a foundational role during my freshman year of college. I attend Mass regularly, am in Bible study and study at the Newman Center between classes. The retreats were especially helpful in helping me grow spiritually and to form deeper friendships with other Catholics my age.”

– April Paredes, Student



Office of Catholic Schools	\$420,010
School Scholarships	\$180,000
Youth Ministry	\$7,699
Young Adult Ministry	\$66,078
Marriage & Family Life	\$1,434
Campus Ministry	\$285,901
TOTAL	\$961,122



CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

“Participants in our Catechist Certification Program continue to be grateful for the support and training the diocese is offering them. The especially appreciate that we are giving them practical training on how to manage a classroom and be Christ-like to their students.”

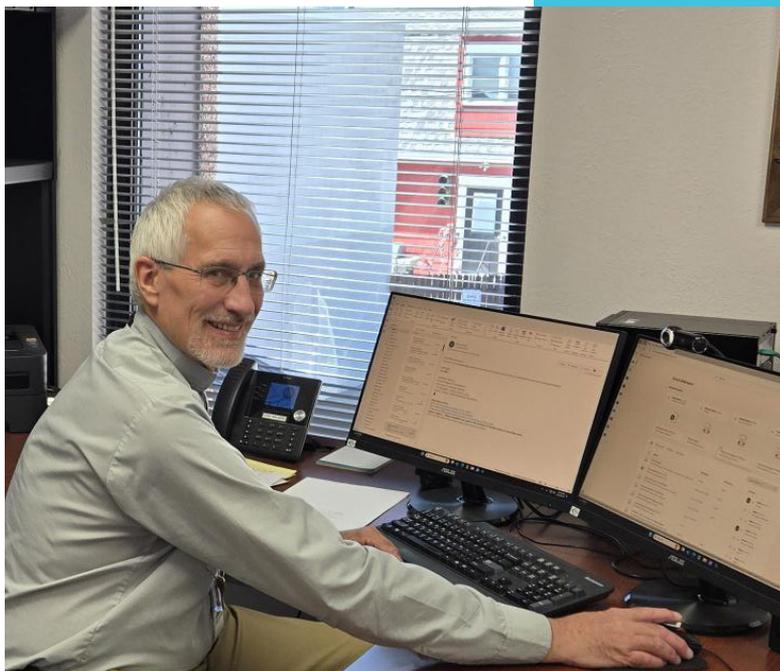
– Gary Niemerg,
Catechesis and Evangelization



LOVE GOD

Your gift to the Annual Appeal is an investment in the future of the diocese by helping to train future priests and deacons who will nurture us through the Eucharist, teach us God's Word, and serve the spiritual needs of His people. You are also enabling our priests, deacons, and catechists to deepen their faith and education, enrich their ministry, and encourage others by their example of cooperating with God's grace.

**Continuing Education for
Clergy, Diaconate Formation,
Pastoral Formation, Seminarian
Formation, Training of
Catechists, Evangelization**



DIACONATE PROGRAM

“Our office regularly communicates to our deacons and candidates in formation that the mission appeal provides the financial resources that support their formation and ministry. They are sincerely grateful for the support they receive from the mission appeal. Because our deacons are appointed to support the pastors of our parishes in the diocese, we also remind the parishioners it is through the support of the mission appeal that they have deacons to serve them. I and the Director of Formation are deeply appreciative of the mission appeal support that enables us to serve our deacons and form our candidates.”

**- Deacon Dan Tomich,
Director of Permanent Diaconate**



EVERLASTING
GAL. CHESTERSON
MAN



**CONTINUED
CLERGY
EDUCATION**

“I have noticed that my preaching gets repetitive when I am not actively engaged in some kind of formation, whether reading, classes, conferences, etc. However, when I keep up with formative activities, my homilies stay fresh. Your offering to allow continuing clergy education helps us to deepen our knowledge such that we can preach more effectively and serve you better.”

- Fr. Sean O'Connor



Clergy Education	\$22,365
Seminarian Education	\$478,295
Diaconate Offices	\$357,130
Catechesis & Evangelization	\$178,487
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TOTAL.....	\$1,036,278



SERVE GOD

You are a light for thousands of people in the diocese because of your support of the Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Programs like Hispanic Ministry and Prison Ministry provide opportunities for evangelization and growth within one's faith. Outreach programs such as Respect Life's Project Rachel are essential to assist those in need post abortion. Together, as one faith community, we are fulfilling God's call to servant leadership.

Capuchin Mall Ministry,
Catholic Charities, Catholic
School Support Grants,
Hispanic Ministry, Parish
Support Grants, Partners
in Housing, Prison Ministry,
Respect Life Ministry





HISPANIC MINISTRY

“Hispanic ministry fulfills the mission of the Church in Colorado Springs to the Hispanic faithful of the diocese, to integrate, educate, and strengthen their Catholic faith. It offers an understanding of the Church’s doctrine, and it offers ways to make this understanding practical in the spiritual, social, and personal lives of the Hispanic faithful.”

**- Javier Cervantes,
Director of Hispanic Ministry**



PRISON MINISTRY

“Our Lord explains this best in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, chapter 25 verses 34–40 ‘For I was in prison and you visited me... whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’. I have been given so many blessings in my own life and God has called me to share His gifts with these men in need. I have been blessed with a family that allows me time on the weekend to serve, I have been blessed with patience and compassion to meet these men where they are. I have been blessed with the gifts of faith and hope, which are gifts that are meant to be shared, that the whole Body of Christ may grow and become strong. My offering comes directly from the bishops’ words at my ordination; ‘Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.’ These theological virtues of faith, hope, and love are the offerings that I try to offer back to God each and every day, especially in my humble service in this ministry.”

- Deacon Matt Brend, Prison Ministry



Respect Life	\$31,066
Hispanic Ministry	\$144,247
Prison Ministry	\$94,416
Mall Ministry	\$122,447
DMA Grants	\$400,000
TOTAL.....	\$792,176

SUPPORT GRANTS

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS	GRANT AWARD
Catholic Charities	\$10,000
Partners in Housing	\$25,000
St. Mary's HS	\$15,000

TOTAL AWARDED TO AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS \$50,000

SCHOOLS	GRANT AWARD
Ave Maria	\$15,000
Corpus Christi	\$20,000
Divine Redeemer	\$10,000
Holy Apostles Preschool	\$7,389
St. Gabriel Classical	\$25,000
Pax Christi School (St. Katherine Drexel)	\$9,000
St. Paul	\$38,000
St. Peter	\$15,000

TOTAL AWARDED TO SCHOOLS. \$139,389

PARISHES	GRANT AWARD
Ave Maria	\$7,000
Corpus Christi	\$20,000
Divine Redeemer	\$8,000
Holy Family Leadville	\$35,000
Our Lady of Guadalupe*	\$15,000
St. Dominic*	\$15,000
St. Francis-CR	\$18,000
St. Francis-CS	\$4,000
St. Joseph-CS	\$5,361
St. Mark	\$8,250
St. Michael	\$40,000
St. Paul	\$25,000
St. Peter	\$10,000

TOTAL AWARDED TO PARISHES \$210,611

TOTAL DMA GRANTS AWARDED \$400,000

*Bishop's Grant
**\$230,898.90 was awarded to Parishes who made over their goal



The Annual Appeal is the Catholic diocese's response to the Gospel message to love one another by reflecting on God's blessings in our lives and sharing them for the educational, pastoral and charitable programs and ministries within the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Your generous gifts to the Annual Appeal remain local and supports the people right here in our communities.

THANK YOU!



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