



DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

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Faith working through love is hope made visible; in every act of charity, we carry Christ to our neighbor.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I carry many memories from my years of ministry. One of the most formative experiences of my priesthood was serving as the Director of Diocesan Youth Retreats in Grand Island, Nebraska. There, I witnessed the incredible ways the Holy Spirit touches the lives of young people when they are given the opportunity to encounter Christ in a profound and personal way. I will never forget the moments of prayer, conversion, and joy that filled those retreats. They were instances where young hearts were set aflame with the love of Christ and renewed hope for the future.

I remember one retreat when a young person, who had come reluctantly at first, stood up during a time of sharing and spoke about how, for the first time, he felt the love of Christ in a real and personal way. What a powerful image of hope! Even the smallest seed of faith, when nurtured, can blossom into a life of discipleship. Moments like these are a lasting reminder that when we invest in the spiritual life of others, we participate in God's work of transformation.

That same spirit continues today in the Diocese of Colorado Springs through the many ministries sustained by the Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Just as those youth retreat programs helped form the next generation of Catholic leaders, your support today allows us to form seminarians and deacons, strengthen family life, provide faith formation in our schools and parishes, care for the poor, and sustain vital diocesan services that reach across our local Church. This is Hope in action, Bringing Christ to others. You are providing hope through your gifts to the Diocesan Ministry Appeal. Christ is working through you to plant seeds of faith.

While the needs of our diocese are many, God's grace and your generosity abound. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministry Appeal is more than support, it is a visible sign of Christ's mercy at work in the Diocese of Colorado Springs. vital diocesan services that reach across our local Church.

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I invite you to join me in this mission of showing hope in action, so that together we may strengthen our parishes, uplift our schools, and ensure that every person we encounter experiences the love of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ James R. Golka

Most Reverend James R. Golka Bishop
of Colorado Springs