**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **What does the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) Fund?**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is the major source of income for the Diocese of Davenport, the administrative headquarters for the 73 parishes and 18 schools in the 22 county area.

1. **Why should I give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)?**

The ADA is the major source of funding for diocesan missions, ministries and offices. It is only with the generous support given to the ADA that these ministries are able to exist and flourish.

1. **How does the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport assist the Diocese?**

The Foundation enables the Diocese to be more financially stable. The Annual Diocesan Appeal funds the annual operating expenses of the diocesan ministries and programs, income from the Foundation supplements this mission. . The Foundation has a principal of approximately $15 million dollars. 4% of the Foundation’s average assets of sixteen consecutive quarters is distributed to diocesan ministries and schools.

1. **Who is responsible for reviewing programs within the diocesan budget and who has final approval of the budget?**

The Bishop, supported by the Vicar General, Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer review the programs, related costs and expenses. The annual operating budget is approved by the Diocesan Finance Council, and then the Corporate Board of the Diocese of Davenport.

1. **How does my Catholic School benefit from the ADA?**

The Office of Catholic Schools takes great measures to make sure pastors, principals and teachers within the diocese are supported in meeting the needs of education and faith formation. Maintaining an environment and curriculum that prepares children to be leaders in faith and communities is vital work.

1. **Can I earmark donations?**

Yes, you can earmark donations for a certain mission or ministry you would like to support by simply writing your designation on the pledge form.

1. **What are the ways to give?**

Charitable Gifts are most often made in the form of cash and checks. However, there are other ways to give.

Gifts that you can give now

* Cash, Check, Electronic Donation (link-Electronic Giving Form)
* IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (link-IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution page)
* Stock and Securities Donations (link-Stock and Securities Donation page)
* Donor Advised Funds (link-Donor Advised Funds page)
* Land, Real Estate and Personal Property (link-Land, Real Estate and Personal Property Donation page)
* Gifts of Grain and Livestock (Link=Grain and Livestock Donation page)

Gifts that you can give in the future

* Wills, Trusts and Bequests (link-Wills, Trusts and Bequests page)
* Retirement Plan Assets (link-Retirement Plan Assets Donation page)
* Bequests and Beneficiary Designations (link-Beneficiaries and Bequests Designations page and Beneficiaries and Bequests Intention form)
* Charitable Reminder Trusts (link-Charitable Remainder Trusts page)
* Life Estate Contracts (link-Life Estate Contracts page)
* Life Insurance Beneficiary (link-Life Insurance Beneficiary page)
1. **How do I donate?**

Donations may be made via the pledge card at your parish, the commitment card received in a direct mail flyer, electronically or mailed.

* Electronic Donation (link-Electronic Giving Form)
* Donations may be mailed to the Diocese to the following address:

 c/o Finance Office

780 W Central Park Ave

Davenport, IA 52804