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Be His Light

2026 IDAHO CATHOLIC APPEAL

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PERMANENT DIACONATE

Servanthood is at the very heart of the diaconate since its beginning in the early Church. A four-year journey culminated in the Rite of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for four men in 2025.

New Deacon Eric Meyer wrote in his journal booklet: *"Conversion is not a single moment, but a lifelong process. My journey continues as I seek to know, love, and serve God with all my heart, answering His call in whatever ways He ask."*

SEMINARIAN VOCATIONS

The Diocese is partnering with Vianney Vocations to grow the number of seminarians by inspiring a new generation to open their hearts to God's call.



"Vocations come from what is heard from God in prayer, the priests in the Mass, and people saying to them, 'you look like you have the qualities of a priest.'" – Father Nathan Dail, Vocations Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, WORSHIP & FORMATION

Over the past decade, our Diocese has experienced notable growth. At the Rite of Election, Bishop Peter shared, *"Every year since I've been here, about a thousand people have come into the Church at Easter,"* he said. *"This year, there is more than that. I may be exaggerating, but I think it's approaching 2,000. Something is going on. You feel it; I see it."*



One of the OCIA candidates from Sacred Heart Parish, Elizabeth Welchel, shared her journey to the Catholic faith. *"I've been through a lot, and I think God is getting me ready for the next state in my life... He wants me in the right place. I know this because He called me. It's as if my life has been leading up to this point."*

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE ICA

Pastoral Services & Universal Church

- Canonical Affairs & Marriage Tribunal
- Office of Bishop
- Financial Services to Parishes & Schools
- Human Resources
- Child, Youth & Adult Protection (CYAP)
- USCCB Special Collections (Universal Church)

Clergy, Consecrated Life & Care of Our Priests

- Seminarians & Religious Vocations
- Permanent Diaconate
- Ongoing Education & Formation of Clergy
- Liturgical Trainings
- Idaho Clergy Special Needs
- Idaho Priests Retirement
- St. John Vianney Retirement Center





YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EVANGELIZATION

The Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) brings together youth from all corners of our diocese, and beyond, for a three-day encounter with Christ.

"ICYC helps youth break down barriers that prevent them from experiencing God's mercy and love, leading to a more profound experience of hope. It facilitates a deeper conversion to Christ and His Church and prepares our youth to be authentic witnesses of hope who can share the truth of life in Christ with those they encounter."

– Andrew Furphy, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Evangelization*

Khriz, from St. Therese of the Little Flower in Burley, was one of more than 1,500 youth and chaperones who experienced a life-changing encounter. She expressed, *"I encountered God for the first time. When I was there, I felt at peace. I felt so relaxed, and I felt loved. I truly felt the presence of God for the first time in my life, and I want to be confirmed so I can continue my journey and feel that forever."*



MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

The Diocese of Boise's Office of Marriage and Family Life hosted the first-ever Idaho Catholic Marriage Conference, drawing more than 325 couples to the Boise Centre, representing a combined 9,000 years of marriage. Featured speakers included Catholic authors and apologists Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn; Theology of the Body experts Christopher and Wendy West; and St. Mark's Parish-Boise Pastor Rev. John Mosier.

One participant shared: *"It was a fabulous day. I had a wonderful time with my wife. It has calmed our household in the days since. And it's been something that I've thought about daily. We're so blessed to have a bishop and a diocese that values the family and values marriage and wants to pour into that. It was just so encouraging to see all these other married couples doing the same. Thank you so much!"*



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Catholic Education & Faith Formation

- Religious Education & Catechetical Leadership
- Marriage & Family Life
- Catholic Schools Office
- College Campus Ministries
- Youth & Young Adult Evangelization
- Pope John Paul II Camp in Cascade

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- Prison Ministry
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- Idaho Catholic Register/Communications
- Catholic Charities of Idaho
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JOIN THE *LUMEN CHRISTI CIRCLE*

The *Lumen Christi Circle* honors those who make a leadership gift to the *Idaho Catholic Appeal* of \$1,000 or more, touching the lives of those who might otherwise never experience the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

LUMEN CHRISTI CIRCLE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The *Lumen Christi Circle* Appreciation Events are an opportunity for Bishop Christensen to greet members and acknowledge their significant impact on furthering the mission of Christ in our diocese.

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