



The Mystery of Faith

2023 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

HOW THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL SERVES YOUR PARISH

Clergy & Vocations:

Deacon Caleb Cunningham will finish his final year of study and formation at Mt. Angel. We look forward to his ordination and assignment to his first parish this year. May his journey inspire our young people to discern vocations as the diocese revitalizes vocation awareness in 2023. In order to serve Catholics throughout our diocese, we welcome foreign priests whose ministry allows us to keep smaller parishes open. A large investment goes into these blessed men by sponsoring their immigration, enculturation, language training, and ongoing education in our customs and rites. The Appeal subsidizes ongoing support and education for priests in every parish throughout the year. It also funds continuing care and medical support for our beloved priests as they retire and age with dignity.

Community Building:

Communication is a key element in serving you and your individual parish, and in offering a broader view of the diocese as a whole. We have invested in tools to optimize our connections with you and to share valuable resources for growing in faith: The Diocesan Chronicle, the diocesan website, and inspirational emails from Bishop Cary's Sharing Life in Christ. In addition, the Evangelization & Catechesis team has invested in many efforts to support your parish discipleship leaders through valuable emails, informative monthly ZOOM meetings, and face-to-face sharing opportunities in the coming year.

Developing Disciples:

In order to support families and individuals in their faith journey, the Appeal funds evangelization and discipleship through Family Life Programs, Youth Retreats, Summer Camps, Young Adult Ministry, RCIA, and Catechesis. Our goal is to encourage people at every stage in their lives to experience profound encounters with Christ, to promote deeper connections to their parish communities, and to provide ongoing formation of life-long disciples.

Critical Missions:

Through the Protecting God's Children program, we work to create a safe environment at each of our parishes for every member of the community, and especially for children and the vulnerable. In addition, we are increasing our financial focus on the Pro-Life mission furthering support of your parish efforts. Similarly, we are bringing additional focus to the often unseen Corporal Work of Mercy, ministering to those in prison. A committee of the clergy is extending their shepherding and outreach to those imprisoned and to their families.

Catholic Education & Formation:

Through our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs, we are committed to advancing lifelong discipleship by providing ongoing support from the Diocesan Staff and our Retreat Center, and by the continuing formation and inspiration of your Catechetical leadership team.

The Diocese of Baker is rich in good works! While our diocesan budget is relatively small, we are always looking to improve and expand. Simply put: your gift funds the presence of our Catholic faith in and beyond your community.