



“*Give* and
gifts will be
given to you.”

– Luke 6:38



DIOCESE
OF SIOUX CITY

The Diocese of Sioux City encompasses 24 counties in northwest Iowa and was incorporated in 1902. There are more than 89,000 registered Catholics and 15 diocesan Catholic school systems providing a faith-based education to nearly 6,400 students each school year. Additionally, nearly 5,880 students participate in religious education classes in their parishes.



How is the Diocese of Sioux City funded?

The Diocese of Sioux City has three main sources of income: Together As One (TAO) Annual Appeal, cathedraticum (a Latin word for “tax,” assessed on every parish as mandated by the Holy See), and investment income.

Beyond these three revenue sources, the diocese depends on the generosity of parishioners to assist with providing a variety of ministries and programs. Financial gifts, both great and small, are crucial to the survival of these programs.

Donors can be assured the diocese operates under a high level of transparency as it strives to be exceptional stewards of gifts given in good faith.

Annual audits are conducted and the diocese enlists a number of external consultants to assist with the management of investment assets.

The diocese values the trust and responsibilities many donors have placed in our care during the diocese’s nearly 125 year history. We look forward to building new relationships with many more donors and continue to grow current friendships in the years to come.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are often reminded to “count our blessings,” and acknowledge the gifts we have received throughout our lives. We may be thankful for the gifts including health, family, good friends, strong faith, plentiful food and comfortable shelter. As people of faith, we are grateful to God for the many gifts he bestows upon us day after day. He is never outdone in generosity.

It is in this spirit of gratitude that many of the diocesan faithful give generously to Catholic institutions and programs meaningful to them including their parish, Catholic school or a particular ministry.

This booklet outlines the different programs and ministries of the diocesan church where donors may wish to make an impact.

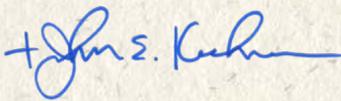
We divided the various contribution options into three categories for your convenience:

- **Stewardship**
- **Vocations**
- **Education**

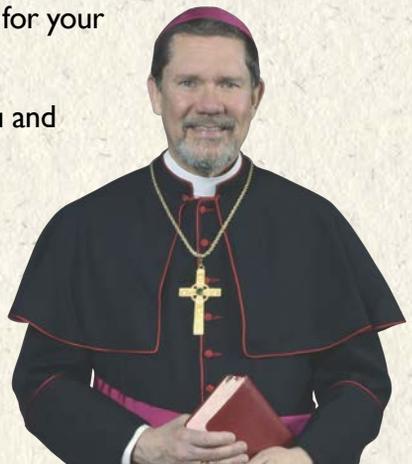
You will find more information in the following pages regarding these categories and the different funds and collections to support them. If you do not see a particular ministry you wish to support, reach out to us so we can find the department or program to best fit your needs.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting the church of northwest Iowa with a financial gift. Our hope is that you find this booklet helpful to consider options available for your generosity.

May the Lord our God continue to bless you and your family,



Most Reverend John E. Keehner
Bishop of Sioux City



STEWARDSHIP

Bishop's Circle

The Bishop's Circle is an annual membership that was established for gifts at a more substantial level to support the work of the bishop.

There are four levels of annual giving:

- Apostle (\$10,000+)
- Disciple (\$5,000-\$9,999)
- Prophet (\$2,500-\$4,999)
- Shepherd (\$1,000-\$2,499)



In addition to the spiritual benefits of giving, membership includes these unique benefits:

- Special Mass and annual appreciation gathering for members with Bishop Keehner each year
- Special Mass intentions from Bishop Keehner for all mothers on Mother's Day and all fathers on Father's Day
- All donors are named on the digital display in the Central Catholic Offices lobby
- Regional gatherings throughout the year

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities empowers and strengthens all individuals and families through charity, advocacy and mental health services, inspired by Christ's love and compassion.

Offices are in Sioux City, Carroll, Fort Dodge and Spencer with a staff of approximately 25 individuals providing in-person and telehealth services to thousands of people every year. Assistance is provided in the following areas:

- Youth mental health, including school-based therapy
- Adult mental health
- Adolescent/adult substance use disorder outpatient treatment
- Community outreach
- Crisis debriefings
- Families in Crisis Fund/Hardy Hope Closet
- Parenting classes
- Suicide support and other therapy groups
- Project Rachel
- Welcome – immigration legal services and case management

Together As One (TAO) Annual Appeal

Each year the Bishop issues an appeal to the more than 25,000 registered Catholic households throughout the diocese asking them to consider making a contribution.

TAO funds some of the most vital ministries and programs in the diocese:

- Office of Faith Formation
- Office of Parish Accounting
- Pro-life ministries
- Safe Environment
- Catholic Schools Office
- Office of Archives
- Office of Communications/Lumen Media

Each parish is given a target dollar amount to raise based on the overall goal. TAO funds are redirected back to those parishes that exceed their target.

VOCATIONS

Priest Pension Fund

Consistent through the decades of growth and change in the Diocese of Sioux City is the leadership and commitment of our priests. Through their service and dedication to the Eucharist, they exemplify Christ's love for all while ministering to your spiritual needs.

For the first time in the history of the diocese, there are more retired priests than active priests. Although they may be viewed as "retired," many still remain very active by providing sacramental ministry in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. We are forever grateful for their continued acts of service.

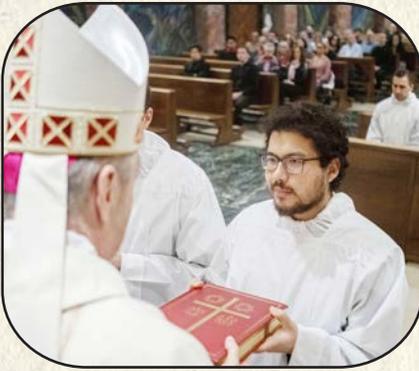
Unbeknownst to many, once a priest officially enters into retirement, he can choose where he wants to live. He no longer receives the benefits typically provided by a parish, such as food, housing and transportation.

In the 1990's, the Diocese of Sioux City began a Time to Remember campaign which resulted in \$9.6 million being raised specifically for priests' retirements and welfare. However, in the more than 30 years since the campaign, not only has the number of retired priests increased significantly, so has the cost of living and healthcare expenses.

Priest Welfare Fund

The Priest Welfare Fund was established to take care of the special personal and healthcare needs of priests in the Diocese of Sioux City.

All priests in the diocese are covered by insurance (including Medicare and Medicaid) of which the diocese pays the premiums. Because some insurance policies are limited in the services they cover, these funds are used for those services needed outside the scope of the policy.



Seminarian Fund

The Diocese of Sioux City is blessed to have several seminarians currently studying for the priesthood. Each of these men are making great sacrifices as they answer God's call and prepare for their lifetime vocation. After approximately eight years of study, the cost of education can exceed \$380,000. Contributions to the Seminarian Fund help us support and educate these men.

St. Joseph Education Society

Once ordained a priest, the educational experiences and expenses do not stop. Priests regularly participate in conferences, retreats and sabbaticals to enhance their ministerial skills. The St. Joseph Education Society assists with these expenses.

Our parish permanent deacons also undertake comprehensive theological training, not only during their five-year formation program, but also participate in post-ordination continuing education.



EDUCATION

Catholic School Foundation

The Catholic School Foundation (CSF) of the Diocese of Sioux City provides financial and instructional support of all 15 Catholic school systems throughout Northwest Iowa. With nearly 6,400 students and nearly 600 teachers, administrators and staff, the CSF works diligently to ensure all the schools are meeting academic standards and are fully preparing our students to become responsible future community leaders.



Catholic schools are located in Algona, Boone, Carroll, Danbury, Denison, Emmetsburg, Fort Dodge, Humboldt, Le Mars, Pocahontas, Remsen, Sheldon, Sioux City, Spencer and Storm Lake.

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF)

Over 47% of students attending our Catholic schools receive tuition assistance from the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF). Tuition assistance awards are granted to students who meet income and Iowa residency eligibility requirements.



MLTF is an Iowa Student Tuition Organization (STO) that provides a state tax credit equal to 75% of a donor's gift.

PLANNED GIVING

The Office of Stewardship and Development serves as a resource to assist our parishes and schools with their fundraising and stewardship programs. From organizing a capital campaign to handling the legalities of a bequest, the staff are able to respond to any needs the parishes may have.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA)

The Diocese of Sioux City is licensed through the State of Iowa to act in the interests of donors and some Catholic entities (primarily diocesan schools and parishes) to administer charitable gift annuities (CGA).

Donors must be 65 years old or older and invest a minimum of \$10,000. Based on a donor's age, the return on investment can be substantial and provide competitive rates of return. There are also significant tax savings to donors via charitable gift annuities.

Contact the Office of Stewardship and Development for specific information.

Estate Planning

The Office of Stewardship and Development has several resources available for parishioners interested in estate planning and/or will preparation. These informational materials are offered at no cost or obligation to the donor; they are simply available upon request.



OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Charitable IRA Rollover

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can make a charitable rollover gift directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. The annual Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) limit is \$100,000 per person and can reduce your taxable income.

If you are age 73 or older, a direct transfer from your IRA to a charity satisfies your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and is excluded from your taxable income.

The gift must go directly from your IRA to the charity and be made by December 31 of the tax year.

IRA Charitable Rollover - Fast Facts

- You must be 70 1/2 or older
- Transfers must be made directly from the IRA to a qualified charity
- Your taxable income can be reduced by up to \$100,000, the maximum allowable
- Only a traditional IRA account qualifies for a QCD. Other retirement plans such as a 401(k), 403(b) or a SEP IRA are not eligible for a QCD.
- Transfers cannot be made to Donor Advised Funds (DAF), Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA), or other life-income arrangements

Simple. Easy.

At the Diocese of Sioux City, we have all the resources needed to make charitable giving simple and easy. We accept gifts of cash, stock, commodities, farmland and real estate. We have a team who can provide guidance every step along the way.

*Where can **YOU** make a difference?*

Stewardship

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Annual Appeal

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Education

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Bishop's Dinner For Catholic Schools

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

We, the bishop and ministers of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Sioux City, declare our mission to nurture the Body of Christ through our baptismal call to proclaim, celebrate, serve and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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