





BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



2024

DIocese of KALAMAZOO

Sharing His Transforming Love

FAITH • HOPE • CHARITY

How your gift is used:

<p>■ 36.8%</p> <p>Bishop Lohse ministry and Diocesan Ministries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Bishop • Development Office • Communications • Parish Life and Lay Leadership • Office of Schools • Office of Worship • Tribunal 	
<p>■ 17.1%</p> <p>Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring Network • Ark Shelter for Youth • Bridges Mental Health • Bread of Life program • Catholic Community Center • Immigration Assistance Program 	<p>■ 10.6%</p> <p>Diocesan Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal • Human Resources • Technology
<p>■ 15%</p> <p>Clergy/Seminary Education and Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminarian education • Office of Vocations • Clergy retreats and formation 	<p>■ 9.4%</p> <p>Diocesan Buildings Maintenance</p>
<p>■ 2.3%</p> <p>Catholic Church Support – International and National (Vatican/USCCB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to the Holy See and USCCB 	<p>■ 8.8%</p> <p>Fiscal Management Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish financial services support

*Visit our website for a full listing of ministries and audited financials

2024 Total goal: \$3.38 million

WAYS TO GIVE



CASH OR CHECK



PLEDGE



GIFTS OF STOCK



MATCHING GIFTS



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<https://www.diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal> or – scan QR code to go directly to online giving

YOU
make a difference!

During these challenging economic times, **WE** recognize that some are struggling.

ALL may participate through your *PRAYERS* for the increase of the *FAITH* in our diocese and beyond.

To learn more about the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, or to make a gift, contact us at Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo • 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760 • Phone: 269-349-8714, Ext. 1230

In giving ... we receive

During their life-long ministry our priests accompany us on our faith journey. They baptize our babies, confirm our children, marry us, anoint us when we're sick, and heal us in the confessional. In each of these sacramental moments they bring the love of Jesus to those they shepherd.

Your investment in the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is an investment in the sacramental life of the Church. Your gift supports the formation and education of our seminarians who, God willing, will be our future shepherds.



Fr. Jack C. Pfeiffer
was ordained on May 27, 2023.

Jesus gave us the "Great Commission" to go out and bring the love of Christ to all and build His Kingdom on earth in preparation for our eternal reward.

What does that look like in our diocese? Catholic school, religious education and homeschooled students actively engaged in their faith, serving their communities and growing closer to Jesus. Young engaged couples deepening their understanding of their sacramental bond in a *Joy-filled* marriage retreat before saying, "I do." Young adults changed through an inspiring retreat.



Each day across the diocese **Catholic Charities** is improving the life of someone in need:

Parenting resources for a mother-to-be (Caring Network); a safe haven for teenagers in crisis (Ark Services for Youth); nourishment for those experiencing food insecurity (Bread of Life); mental health counseling for those in need (Bridges).

Your gift assists
in securing
the dignity of
all human life
at every age
and stage.

DID YOU KNOW?

\$60,000 —
the annual cost of
seminarian education

50+ the average number of
years our priests serve
during their lifetime



Currently seven diocesan seminarians are on the road to priesthood. Your gift to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** helps offset the cost of seminarians' education.

FAITH



Hours of free catechetical
resources from diocesan
**Institute of
Missionary
Discipleship**



18,000 —
number of *Southwest Michigan Catholic*
magazines provided free to all registered
parishioner households

HOPE

70 —
hours of professional
development provided by
Office of Schools



Each of **Catholic Charities**
Diocese of Kalamazoo
agencies makes known
the love of Jesus.



*The Bishop's
Annual Appeal
exceeded its total goal
in 2022 and returned
\$312,405 to the
parishes.*

THANK YOU!

CHARITY