

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ wants you to have a future full of hope. He wants you to believe even when things seem difficult. He wants you, your children and grandchildren, to know the reason for hope.

Why? Because you and I have been entrusted with a gift. It's a simple gift, a gift anyone can give; it's the gift of Jesus Christ to be shared with a smile, a word of encouragement, a silent prayer, or with a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is our opportunity to come together as members of the body of Christ in the Diocese of Crookston to give the gift of hope, form disciples, and expand ministry that no one parish could fund on their own. When you contribute to the DAA:

- You invest in the formation of a priest or deacon to baptize the next generation of leaders in the Church.
- You equip a Catholic school teacher to help a student learn to read, prepare for First Holy Communion, or stay warm by providing mittens on a frigid day.
- You ensure college students in Bemidji, Moorhead, or Crookston can meet a faithful friend to help them grow spiritually.
- You allow parishes the opportunity to welcome Bob Noel, Deacon Mark Krejci, myself, or others for an evening of faith formation, youth ministry, adoration, or healing.
- You provide the homebound throughout the diocese the opportunity to receive a listening ear or the living presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Every prayer and dollar help fulfill our mission, forming followers of Jesus Christ who love in tangible ways. When we all prayerfully respond together, we impact every corner of the Diocese of Crookston. Thank you for your generosity!

In addition to making a gift in gratitude for God's blessings, I invite you to return your prayer requests to the Diocese in your pledge envelope. Be assured that we keep you in our daily prayers at the Pastoral Center and offer Mass for your intentions.

I pray the Lord continues to bless you and your family as you go forth to share His love with trust in His promise: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you — plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future full of Hope" (Jer 29:11).



Sincerely in Christ,

+ Andrew A. Cozzens

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D. Bishop of Crookston

## **2025 DAA Goal:** \$975,000



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