

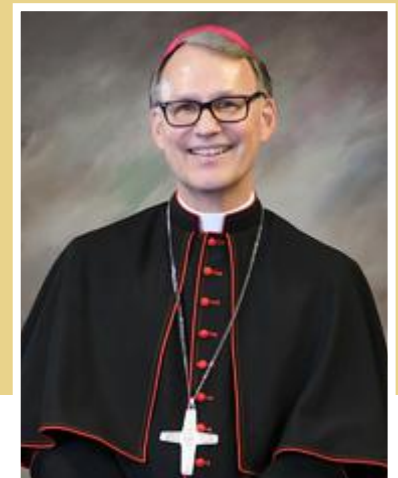


Behold  
WHO YOU ARE,  
Become  
WHAT YOU RECEIVE

- St. Augustine

"With these words, St. Augustine invites us to experience the transformative power of the Eucharist - to take who we are as Christ's beloved people and to become leaven in the world as his hands and feet."

*Ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal seek to ignite faith by serving more than 125,000 Catholics across the Diocese of Saint Cloud.*



BISHOP PATRICK NEARY, C.S.C.  
Diocese of Saint Cloud

## Help us

### ...Share the good news



The St. Cloud Diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine forms, informs and transforms lives in nearly 40,000 households. Social media opens new avenues for evangelization, reaching across generations. Additionally, the diocese strives to connect and engage in sharing the Good News across languages and cultures.

*"We hardly ever miss church. It's awesome to be able to have it on TV. ... We feel [God] is with us and behind us." Maryjane Vanderweyst, resident of The Good Shepherd Senior Community and member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St. Cloud*

## Help us

### ...Foster vocations and strong families



Discerning a life of service to the Church requires time, prayer and soul searching. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal create opportunities to discern vocations through retreats, visits and one-on-one engagement. Those pursuing priesthood and the diaconate are supported spiritually, emotionally and financially in their journeys toward ordination.

Individuals, couples and families are supported in creating loving households through programs and initiatives that encourage healthy family life including men's and women's conferences, retreats, natural family planning, healing ministries to the divorced and grieving, and spiritual and educational opportunities.

*"They're supporting me for seven or eight years, while I fully intend on supporting them for the rest of my life." Deacon Kevin Soenneker, Seminarian, St. Paul Parish, Sauk Centre*

## Help us

### ...Instruct all ages in the Catholic faith

Diocesan ministries provide meaningful opportunities for faith formation to people of all ages and stages of life. Diocesan initiatives educate and support faith leaders in our churches and schools, engage youth in learning Catholic teaching, involve whole families in nurturing their faith and help young adults to live the Gospel message.

*"It's very important to teach the faith to the kids.... My first time seeing my own kids serving at the altar, I thought, 'This is the fruit of our faith.'" Deacon Carlos Pesqueda Silva, St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish, Long Prairie*



## Help us

### ...Bring people into the Catholic Church



The beauty of Catholic tradition and liturgy draws people in. Those discerning Catholicism or seeking to return to the Catholic faith are invited to engage in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA prepares adults to receive the sacraments and begin their journey into the fullness of the Catholic Church. This ministry is supported through the worship and education offices of the diocese.

*"My parents brought us up in the Protestant church. The more I interpreted, the more I fell in love with the Mass." Susan Goodwin, American Sign Language Interpreter and new Catholic, Sacred Heart Parish, Sauk Rapids.*

**Thank you for considering a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generosity supports ministries at the core of our Church's mission. These include vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, respect for life at all stages, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced, and TV Mass for the homebound.**

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