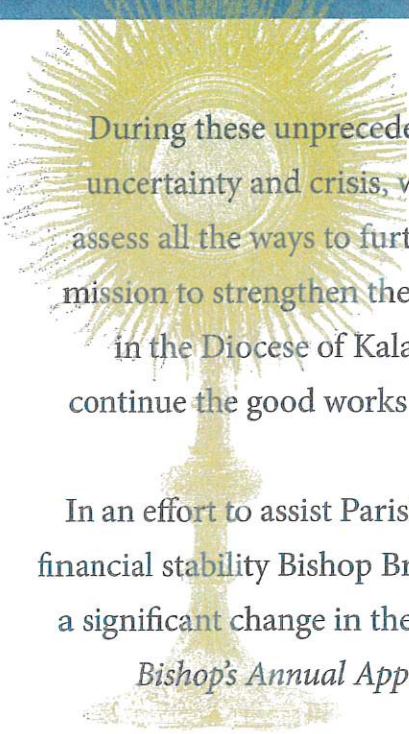


Living the Mission of the Eucharist

STRONG PARISHES equal a STRONG DIOCESE



During these unprecedented times of uncertainty and crisis, we continue to assess all the ways to further our shared mission to strengthen the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and continue the good works of the Church.

In an effort to assist Parishes in securing financial stability Bishop Bradley authorized a significant change in the distribution of *Bishop's Annual Appeal* funds:



All gifts donated beyond 50 percent of the Parish's goal will be returned to the Parish.



While this will require shared sacrifice we believe *Strong Parishes equal a Strong Diocese* and together we will confront our challenges and persevere in hope.



New this year – 2020: \$1.7 M – 50% of this year's goal will be directed back to the Parishes (+ all monies raised over Parish targets)

EXAMPLE:

Parish Goal = \$100, Parish meets goal plus raises \$25 beyond goal.

Diocese keeps \$50, Parish receives \$75



How Parish Goals Are Determined

Sunday and Holy Day collections —
Less \$600 per student enrolled at a Catholic school X 18.85% = Parish goal

Just a few ways your gift supports

Living the Mission of the Eucharist:



\$50,000 – The average annual cost of seminarian education

\$452,523 – Appeal funds that support Catholic Charities/Catholic Community Center



22,000 – Households receive *Southwest Michigan Catholic* magazine

61– Dynamic websites supported for Parishes, Schools and the Diocese www.diokzoo.org



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

My/Our pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is:

\$ _____
 Initial Payment: \$ _____
 Balance: \$ _____

Payment Plan:

1. **Monthly** Over six months November – April
 2. **Quarterly** November, January & March
 3. **Semi-Annually** Specify two months November – April
 4. **Annually** Specify month November – April
 or 5. **Online** – Visit www.diokzoo.org to make your pledge and pay with a credit card or bank account.

Please make checks payable to:

(Name of Parish) Bishop's Annual Appeal

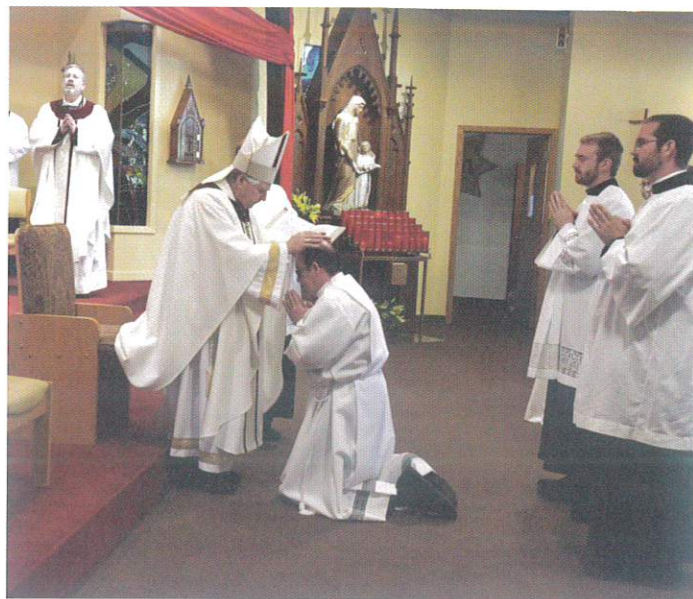
Please return completed pledge card and any initial payment to your parish.

*Your generous gift to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** secures the sacramental life of the Church; helps in the faith formation of our families; and brings life-saving hope and resources to those in our communities.*

Please visit www.diokzoo.org for more information

Fostering Priestly Vocations

Seminarian David Pinto was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 6, 2020 and will, God willing, be ordained to the Priesthood this December. Gifts to the appeal support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians — those holy men who will dedicate their lives in service to others. They are our Shepherds providing a lifetime of sacramental and pastoral care at every stage of our journey.



Accompanying Families Toward Holiness

Diocesan ministry offices strive to accompany parents in their primary role as educators of the faith. This means having dynamic digital resources. An example of this is the diocesan Office of Schools providing guidance and tools to schools for virtual learning. To assist with digital faith resources and opportunities, our diocesan Parish Life and Lay Leadership staff conducts virtual retreats to foster the faith community. Our diocesan “Sunday Experience” is a one-stop online resource for faith formation and “The Way” is a comprehensive online Religious Education program for virtual learning.



Activating Missionary Disciples

The Diocese provides opportunities for the Faithful to answer our baptismal call to be missionary disciples. An example is the Institute of Missionary Discipleship (IMD) which offers a wide array of free online formation programs, classes and workshops. Reaching out to those who most need our love and support is evidenced through the appeal's financial support of Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo and our Catholic Community Center.



Thank you for your generous support!