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### Bishop's Appeal campaign to launch Feb. 3-4 to benefit diocesan ministries

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Jan. 29, 2024) – Beginning this weekend, Bishop David L. Ricken will invite the nearly 100,000 Catholic families across the Diocese of Green Bay to consider making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, which supports the ministries of the larger Church of Green Bay. The theme for 2024 is *Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts*.

To view the 2024 Bishop's Appeal message from Bishop Ricken, please visit:

<https://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/video>

"Each and every day, Jesus shares His love with us and is eager for us to embrace Him. By *Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts*, you deepen your relationship with Jesus and spread His love. You make such a difference in the lives of thousands of people across the Diocese of Green Bay. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal to further our essential diocesan ministries and support the mission of the Church in northeastern Wisconsin," shared Bishop Ricken.

"When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you are joining so many others across our diocese in doing something beautiful for God and our communities," said Tammy Danz, Bishop's Appeal Director. "Your gift to the Appeal provides resources and training to teachers at Catholic schools and faith formation programs. Those in need of mental health counseling or financial health services are able to receive support from the caring counselors at Catholic Charities. Through these ministries, we are *Living the Eucharist and Sharing the Gifts*."

It is through the ministries of the Church that we walk with people on life's journey and inspire others to discover, follow, worship, and share Jesus throughout the Diocese of Green Bay. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's Bishop's Appeal. In the next week, parishioners will receive a letter from Bishop Ricken, inviting them to make a gift, or they can make a gift through the Catholic Foundation online at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

### Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal help:

- *Social Services through Catholic Charities* provides social service programs to people who are struggling most in life. Included are mental health counseling, family strengthening programs, adoption, and pregnancy counseling to assist birth parents, adoptive couples, and people with unplanned pregnancies. They also offer financial health counseling and other counseling support.
- *Services for Education & Catholic Schools* shares our Catholic teachings with people of all ages.
- *Parish Leadership* trains and forms deacons and pastoral leaders.
- *Parish & Family Life* helps parishes with best practices in operations and mission planning. They also provide training for faith formation leaders and teachers.
- *Evangelization & Discipleship* provides Youth Ministry and trains and forms lay leaders. They focus on young adult discipleship and formation and adult faith formation.
- *On Mission* magazine publishes news and information about our Church and the Catholic faith.

Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal are accepted year-round. The funds are used, without exception, to support the ministries and services to thousands in need through the Diocese's 16-county area. For more information, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal).

For more than 25 years, the Catholic Foundation has been impacting lives within the 16 counties of northeastern Wisconsin which make up the Diocese of Green Bay. During this time, the Foundation has distributed more than \$50 million to support Catholic schools, parishes, and other Catholic organizations. The Catholic Foundation encourages financial stewardship and generosity through faith-based giving. The Foundation focuses on supporting Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries through endowment funding. To learn more, please visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org) or contact us at 920-272-8197 or [catholicfoundation@cfgbwi.org](mailto:catholicfoundation@cfgbwi.org).

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