

## THE CROSIER SOCIETY

The Crosier Society is an honorary society of donors who contribute 1% or more of their annual income to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Last year, 174 people joined this list of supporters. Please consider being a member of the 2025 Crosier Society.



## DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND PRAYER

God of all goodness, source of all blessings, open our hearts to receive Your love, and strengthen our efforts to build up Your Church in southern Missouri.

Help us to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts You have given to us.

Guide us as we discover new ways to serve You in serving our neighbor.

Bless all those who participate in the DDF Campaign. May we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure as true disciples in our One Church, from East to West: Loving, Serving, and Sharing Jesus. Amen.



**JESUS MAKES HIMSELF PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST**  
and he continues his saving and life-giving work in the Church for the life of the world. This is our work in southern Missouri, from east to west.



To learn more ways your DDF contribution impacts your family, your parish, and your diocese, visit

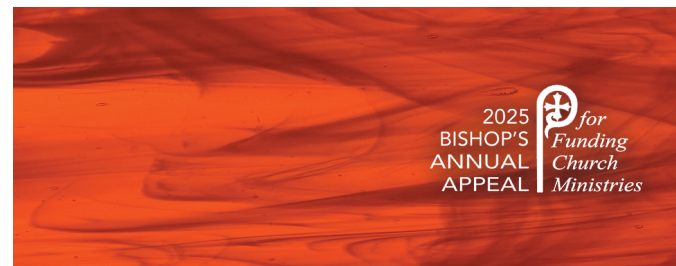
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2025 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND  
**ONE CHURCH,  
Anchored in Christ**

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## MINISTRIES & SERVICES funded by DDF

- The Bishop's Ministry
- Catechetical training for Catholic School and Parish School of Religion (PSR) educators
- National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage, Sacred Heart Pilgrimage
- Marriage preparation classes
- Annual retreat for priests & monthly days of recollection
- Religious education & faith formation
- Training & support for OCIA/RCIA teams
- Architectural & legal consulting for parishes, diocese & schools
- Graduate program in Religious Education & Pastoral Ministry
- Camp Re-NEW-All
- Media & Public Relations
- Permanent deacon formation
- Background screening & training of staffs & volunteers to ensure a safe environment for youth
- Evangelization
- Supplemental subscription rates for *The Mirror*
- Clergy leadership development
- Vocations Promotions
- Educational workshops on Catholic Social Teaching
- Civic engagement & advocacy
- Liturgical planning
- Apostolic outreach & translations
- Property & liability risk management for parishes & schools
- Diocesan youth gatherings
- Retreats, formation, in-service development for Catholic educators
- Diocesan Tribunal
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Assistance, Resources, Support to parishes with construction/renovation projects
- Communications, Website, Print Resources, Video messaging, Social media
- Respect Life witness & education
- Fiscal administration, guidance, benefits & support
- Post-Abortive healing ministry
- Courage/EnCourage ministry for families
- Ecumenical collaboration
- Health Affairs

# EXAMPLES OF HOW DDF SUPPORTS OUR PARISHES

## The Office of Religious Education:

- Supports in the formation of catechists in parishes & Catholic schools; members of Parish Pastoral Councils, etc.
- With this formation, religious educators inform, guide, and inspire both adults and children to become disciples, deepening their faith and identity as Catholic Christians.



## The Office of Family Ministries:

- Administers marriage preparation programs to help couples prepare for the vocation of marriage and family.



- Sponsors family celebrations and events to promote healthy marriages and effective parenting.

## The Office of Youth Ministry:

- Provides youth formation by facilitating opportunities to attend diocesan and national events, conferences, and retreats.
- Organizes and supports Camp Re-NEW-All, Totus Tuus summer sessions; annual Diocesan Youth Conference, etc.



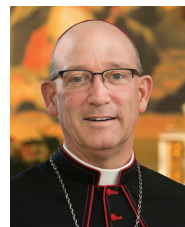
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# ONE CHURCH, Anchored in Christ

As we celebrate the **Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025** and the **1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea**, it is providential that our theme for the annual Diocesan Development Fund is One Church, Anchored in Christ, who alone is our hope and salvation.

As we launch the annual Bishop's Appeal, I'm privileged to share with you a few examples of how your gifts to the DDF anchors our ongoing operational costs on a yearly basis for the 45 ministries being conducted through our diocesan offices.

Some of our parishes and missions do not possess all of the resources needed to adequately serve their own faith community. Our Diocesan Development Fund supplements, assists, and supports leadership in these parish and mission communities in order to provide the sacraments, formation, and guidance necessary to serve the faithful in all pockets of southern Missouri. In effect, DDF fosters unity within the diocese, strengthening and enriching our local parishes together in service of the Gospel.



Bishop Edward Rice

I am amazed at all God accomplishes in our local Church, and that is due in no small part to the generosity of our people: generosity in spirit, in time, talent, and treasure: WE DO A LOT within our diverse, missionary diocese where Catholics continue to number around 5 percent of the general population! Because of the success of the annual DDF campaign, monetary donations made to the local parish are able to stay in the local parish for local needs and the annual assessment for

the parish to the diocese is able to remain at the national low of 1 percent, or 1/2 a percent for those with a school. For example, did you know that we are either beginning building projects, in the midst of them now, or drawing some to an end in 2025 that total roughly \$33,000,000? These projects, possible in tandem with our diocesan Office of Properties, directly speak to our Catholic witness and dedication to the faith and to the future of our One Church, East to West, in Southern Missouri!

I ask you to join me as we grow in Loving Jesus, Serving Jesus, and Sharing Jesus in our diocese, Anchored in Christ. Please give generously in our 2025 DDF campaign so that the love of Christ and his salvation may be made known and continues to be visible in our One Church, East to West, Anchored in Christ, in Southern Missouri.

Gratefully, Yours in Christ,

*Edward M. Rice*

The Most Rev. Edward M. Rice  
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



## ONLINE DONATIONS

For Online donations to DDF, simply go to [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) and follow the prompts. Transactions are totally secure.

The DDF video is available for viewing on the diocesan Website before you consider your commitment at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org).

## The Office of Vocations:

- Provides vocations promotion across the diocese and beyond to those in inquiry and discernment regarding God's plan for their lives, including subsidizing travel, print materials, and discovery events.



## Clergy Formation & Development:

- Ongoing renewal, support, education, and development is afforded diocesan clergy, including monthly days of recollection, the annual clergy institute, and retreats.

## Health Affairs:

- Catholic identity, compassion, and ethics are the linchpins to Catholic healthcare in southern Missouri.



## Catholic Education:

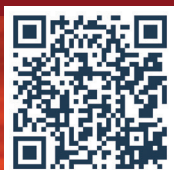
- The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has 23 Catholic elementary schools (including St. Peter Middle School, Joplin), and three Catholic high schools.

## Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM):

- Significantly subsidizes Catholic Ministry on college campuses in southern Missouri.



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2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL for Funding Church Ministries

