

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, 225 people joined this list of supporters. Please consider being a member of the 2026 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.*



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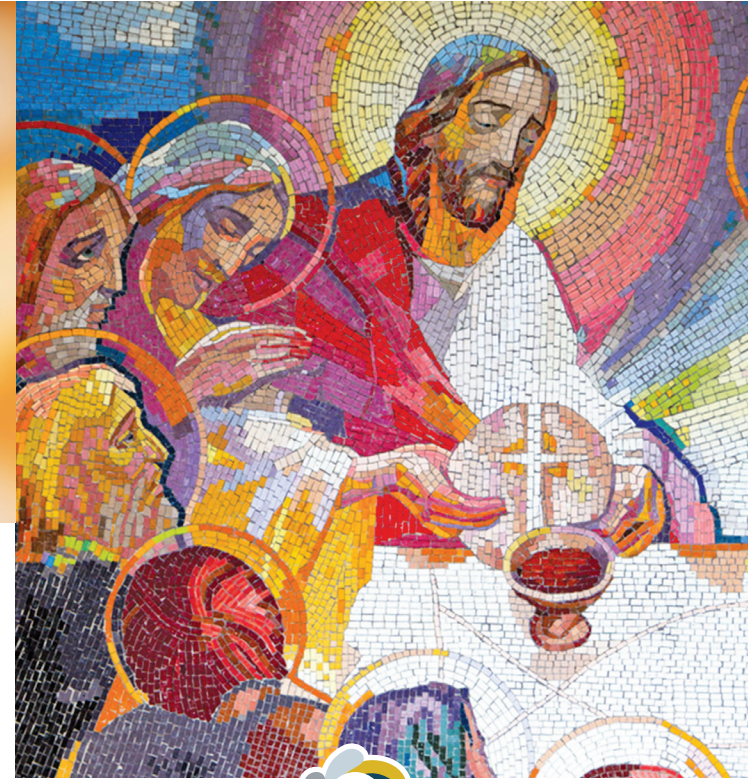
Jesus makes Himself present in The Eucharist

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.

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2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

DDF SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026





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On August 15, 2026, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will gather in West Plains, MO, to celebrate our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. This will be a significant event to mark the 70th anniversary of the diocese established by Pope Pius XII. Bishop Charles Helmsing was appointed the first bishop of the diocese on July 2 of that same year. On his arrival in the newly-established diocese, his goal was simple yet profound, “To build on the heroic efforts of those who preceded him.”

Over the past 70 years, there have been tremendous changes throughout the diocese, the Church, and society. Still, his mandate serves us well today. We are called to build on the heroic efforts of those who preceded us throughout the 39 counties that make up the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Bishop Helmsing’s first pastoral letter, promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart, comes full circle 70 years later as the Bishops of the United States approved the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12, coinciding with America’s 250th anniversary.

The work of evangelization continues today. Your donation to the Diocesan Development Appeal (DDF)—The Bishop’s Annual Appeal, will ensure our efforts well into the future. Please be generous! May God bless you and I look forward to seeing you in West Plains!

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

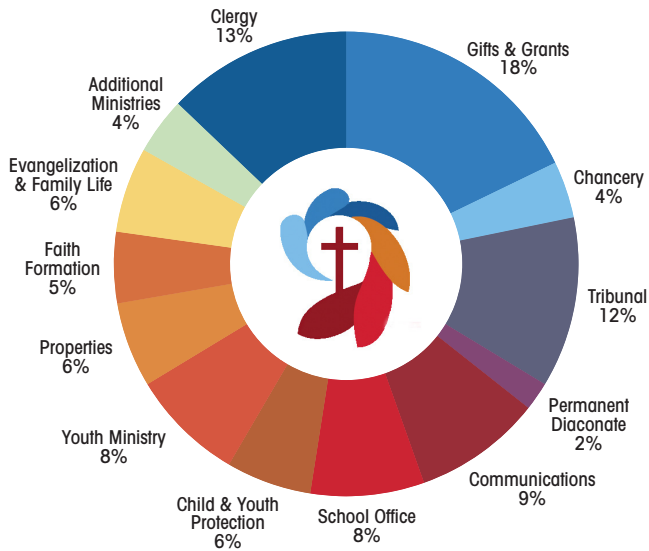


Ministries & Services funded by DDF

- 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

How Funds are Utilized

Contributions to the Diocesan Development Fund directly support the ongoing operations of the Diocese, ensuring that 45 vital ministries continue to thrive. These ministries are managed throughout diocesan offices.



**This is a generalization of funds and does not represent every program DDF supports*

Online Donations

For Online donations to DDF, simply go to **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**.