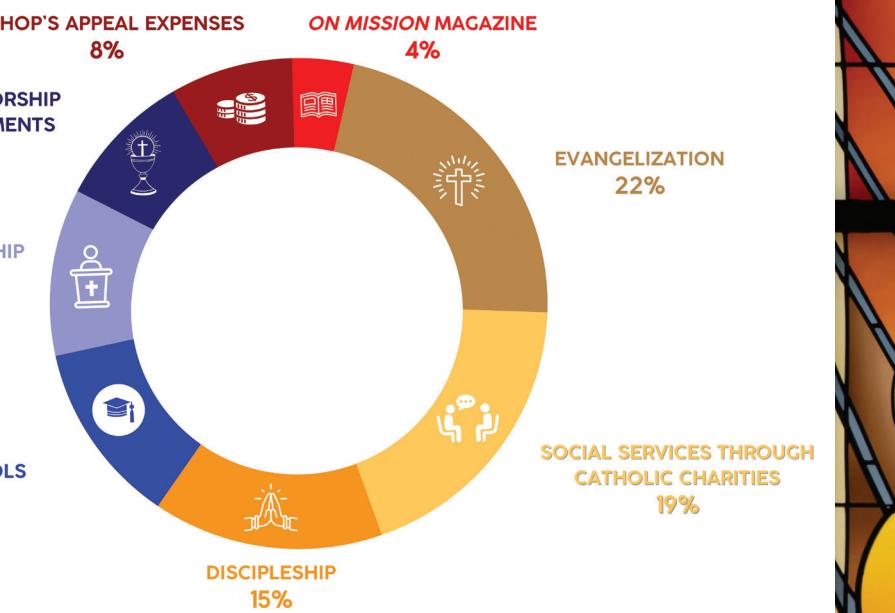




## YOUR GIFTS BRING LIGHT TO OUR DIOCESE

The 2025 Bishop's Appeal raised more than \$6.6 million. These funds were used, without exception, to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese.

It is our continuing pledge to you to use all the funds received during the 2026 Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on the Bishop's Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal).



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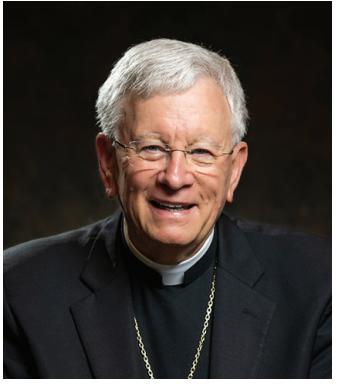
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Make Your Gift:



A Message from  
**BISHOP RICKEN**



When God created the Earth, He could have started with anything: the mighty seas, the majestic mountains, or vast skies. But, as He took in the darkness around Him, "God said: Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

Even from the beginning of time, God has wanted to bring us into the light of His love and grace. My friends, I see

so many shining examples as diocesan ministries share Jesus. Children in our parish faith formation programs and Catholic schools begin a lifelong friendship with Jesus. Deacons are formed, so they can help parishioners on their faith journey. Entrust Retreat attendees are trained to bring Jesus, the light of the world, to more people in their parish and beyond. This and so much more has been made possible thanks to your incredible support of the Bishop's Appeal!

Even in the darkest of days, we can always find a glimmer of hope in Jesus. Your gifts have helped so many essential diocesan ministries be the hands and feet of Jesus. You are making the world a brighter place every single day. Thank you!

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal. Continue to *Be the Light* for everyone you encounter! May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY:**



## YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS IMPORTANT MINISTRIES



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION HELPED KYLE & KAREN BE THE LIGHT FOR OTHERS

By helping young people welcome Jesus into their marriage, the Office of Marriage and Family Life inspires couples like Karen and Kyle to *Be the Light* for everyone they see.

"Thanks to the marriage preparation course and retreat from the diocese, Karen and I discussed finances, communication, parenting styles, and more on a deeper level," shared Kyle.

Engaged couples meet with a married FOCCUS couple who is trained by the Diocese to offer guidance and empower couples to have open communication with one another.

"The FOCCUS couple coached us on how to approach these conversations. This whole experience inspired us to grow even closer with one another and with Jesus," said Karen.

Karen and Kyle are just one of hundreds of couples your Bishop's Appeal gift supports. Thank you!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES BRINGS LIGHT TO DARKNESS

Sometimes, life can take a turn, and darkness can grow. However, thanks to the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, people like Pam receive counseling on how to budget personal finances.

"These last years have been a challenge. A decade ago, I lost my husband. Then, I battled cancer. Amidst all of this, finances became a struggle, and I didn't know where to turn," said Pam. "Thanks to Catholic Charities, I've learned how I can turn the dark moments into a brighter future."

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helped Pam work with Catholic Charities on budgeting her own finances. Your gift also allows counselors to walk with even more people who are struggling with their finances, mental health, marriage, and growing their family through adoption.



## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

### MORE THAN 1,400 DISCIPLES FORMED THROUGH THE MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE & ENTRUST RETREATS

### HUNDREDS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PARISH CATECHISTS RECEIVE TRAINING TO HELP 22,500 CHILDREN DISCOVER JESUS

### MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE RECEIVED FORMATION THROUGH OCIA TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS LAST YEAR

### DIACONATE FORMATION TRAINED 150 DEACONS TO WALK WITH PARISHIONERS

**AND MORE! MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY:**

