

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

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CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN | 2022
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I am grateful for the opportunity to write the people of our Diocese and express my thanks for the support of so many of you for the Diocese of Evansville's Catholic Parishes Campaign. This annual appeal provides the majority of the funding for the pastoral and ministerial outreach of the Diocese.

While our parishes are the local communities where the Sacraments are celebrated, the faith is shared, and various services are offered, the Diocese provides the framework and resources that allow our parishes to bring these ministries to parishioners. Much of this support takes place in the background of daily parish life, but the resources and expertise offered by Diocesan offices are vital to supporting the efforts of our parishes and schools.

One example of this collaboration is the Diocesan Eucharistic Renewal, which we began on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The purpose of this renewal is to deepen parishioners' understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, to invite inactive Catholics back to Mass, to encourage Catholics to share their faith and to help our people recognize how the Eucharist should impact their daily lives. Our Office of Catechesis is directing this important effort with other diocesan offices and is providing resources for parishes and schools that this renewal might bear much fruit in lives of Catholics in our 12 counties.

This kind of collaboration would not be possible without the financial support of parishioners from every parish. Your gift today ensures that we can continue this and many other ministries to help build up the Kingdom of God in Southwest Indiana.

Unlike the regular Sunday collection that goes towards taking care of the needs of your parish, the diocese only takes this one opportunity each year to ask for your financial support. I hope and pray that you will recognize that the many and varied works of the Diocese are worthy of your contribution.

On behalf of all those who work so hard to provide for the spiritual, catechetical and material needs of the people of our diocese, I am asking you to make a generous gift to the 2022 Called to be Faithful Stewards; the Diocese of Evansville's Catholic Parishes Campaign.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please know that your intentions are included in my daily Mass, and I ask for remembrance in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville



The **Catholic Parishes Campaign** serves all those in the local Church, which is the Diocese of Evansville. Our local Church is:

- 5,010 square miles in size
 - 72,206 registered Catholics out of a total population 511,728
 - 45 parishes
 - 36 diocesan priests of our diocese active in our diocese plus 1 diocesan priest working outside of our diocese
 - 30 retired priests, sick or absent
 - 5 religious priests resident in our diocese +3 extern priests
 - 207 religious sisters
 - 58 permanent deacons
 - 12 seminarians
 - 2 Catholic hospitals
 - 4 Catholic high schools with 1,361 students enrolled
 - 22 Catholic elementary schools with 4,994 students enrolled
- In addition, in the last year there were:**
- 714 infant baptisms (infants up to age 7)
 - 61 minor baptisms (those between ages 7 and 17)
 - 46 adult baptisms (18 and over)
 - 78 received into Full Communion
 - 281 marriages
 - 817 deaths

SERVE THE LORD

(30.39%) Our gifts support the offices of **Communications; Family and Life; Finance; Hispanic Ministries; and Stewardship**. *"In 2021, the Office of Family and Life reinstated the Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry at the diocesan level, offering spiritual and emotional healing to those who have been touched by abortion."*

—Eric Girten, Director – Office of Family and Life.



LOVE THE LORD

(6.99%) Our gifts support **Catholic Charities** as they work to eliminate physical and spiritual poverty in our diocese. *"Catholic Charities provides opportunities and hope for the future. One of the ways this is accomplished is through the Neighbor to Neighbor program. This faith-based, life-skills-education program helps families move away from financial dependence on social service agencies and move toward self-sufficiency."*

—Denise Seibert Townsend, Director-Catholic Charities



SEEK THE LORD

(46.63%) The **Office of Vocations** guides the formation of our priests, while the offices of **Worship, Tribunal,** and the **Chancellor** all uphold our priests as they bring the Lord to their parishioners. *"The Diocese has 11 seminarians,*

and the House of Discernment has four residents. These 15 men come from 12 different parishes across the Diocese. The Savio community has grown to nearly 200 teenage young men from more than half of the parishes in our 12 counties in the past three years."

—Father Tyler Tenbarge, Director – Office of Vocations



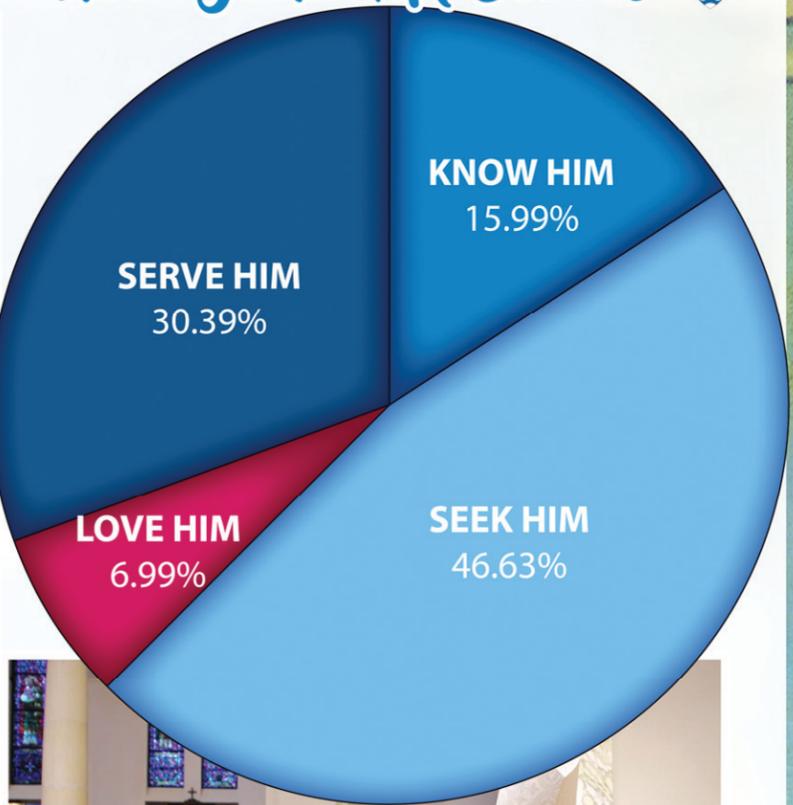
KNOW THE LORD

(15.99%) The offices of **Catechesis, Youth and Young Adults,** and **Catholic Schools** work to teach and prepare the faithful for a life of love and service to the Lord and His people. *"The Office of Catechesis has begun visiting each parish of our diocese, at least once a year, in order to better understand the situation of each parish and to be a better resource for them in their mission of leading souls to Christ."*

—Joel Padgett, Director – Office of Catechesis



How Your Gift Serves



Be the light. Dispel the darkness. Glorify the Lord.

A Christian Steward



A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord. *(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, November, 1992.)*

Stewardship is not a program. Stewardship is a way of life.

Called to be Faithful Stewards—the Diocese of Evansville's *Catholic Parishes Campaign*, supports the sacramental, ministerial and administrative works of the bishop in the Diocese of Evansville. This work, our mission, is carried out by the parishes and the offices of the diocese to build the kingdom of God by deepening peoples' relationship to Jesus Christ.

The funds raised through *Called to be Faithful Stewards* are key to our mission and are part of our answer to the Gospel call of stewardship.

Your gift to *Called to be Faithful Stewards* is an integral part in the success of the mission of the Church. We are grateful to you for your generous response to this call.



Please give generously to the Catholic Parishes Campaign.

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