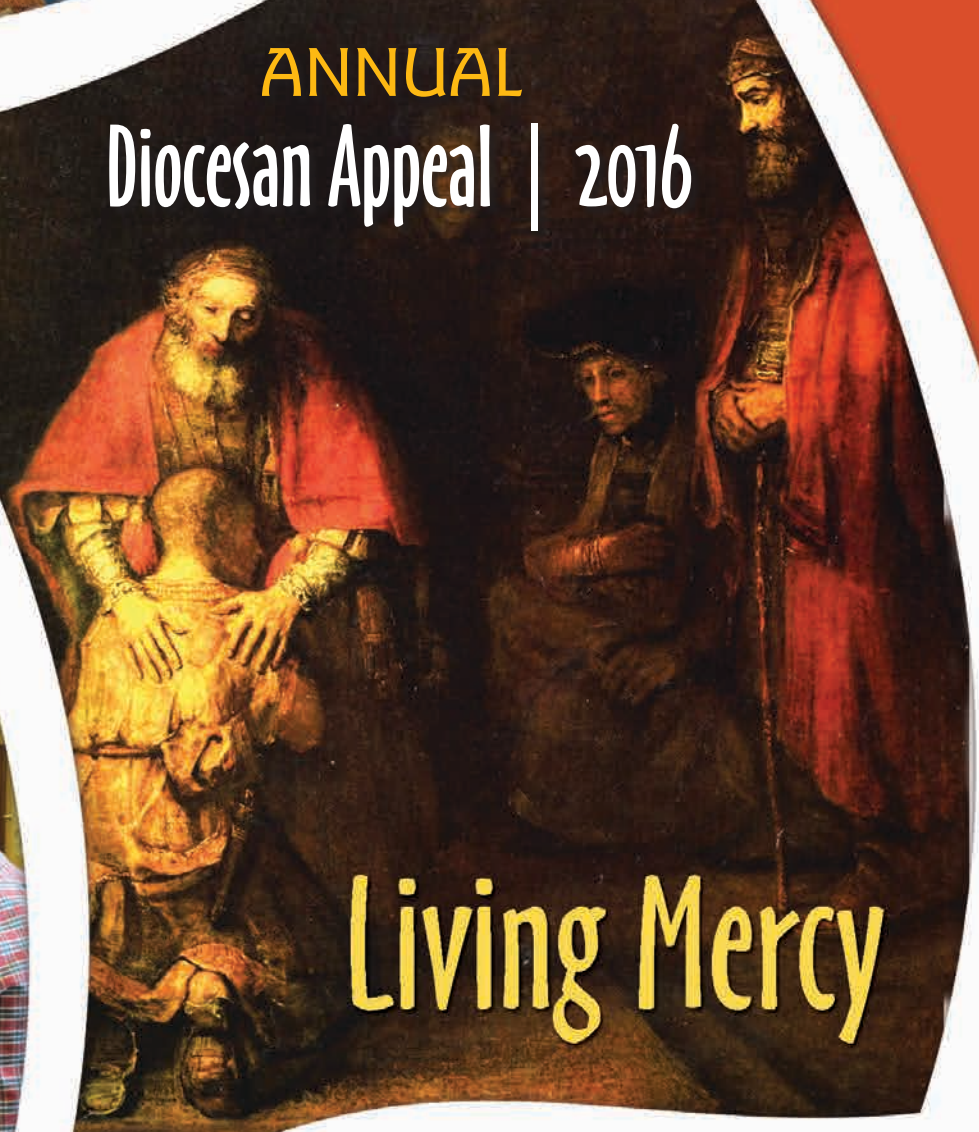




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Living Mercy



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Living Mercy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his homily announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "No one can be excluded from the mercy of God. Its doors remain wide open, so that those touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness."

Our diocesan offices and the work that we do are shaped by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that scripture gives us. *Living Mercy*, the theme of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, reflects our lifelong journey of faith which began with our Baptism.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal provides many services which support our parish religious education programs and Catholic schools to proclaim the good news of Christ's mercy. The Diocese invests in educating our seminarians and our deacon candidates, as well as the ongoing formation of our clergy. They, in turn, lead and inspire mercy in the 97,000 Catholics in our seventy-eight parishes in southeastern Iowa.

To those seeking mercy, our marriage annulment process promotes healing following a divorce. Project Rachel, a confidential, post-abortion ministry offers hope and healing to women and men in our diocese who are hurting following an abortion.

Our Social Action and Catholic Charities Office promotes the works of mercy. Unity House, a transitional housing program for men in recovery from addiction, receives technical and moral support from our staff and volunteers. Our Immigration Office assists US citizens and legal permanent residents to petition for work permits and for their immediate relatives to join them here.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to support our diocesan ministries through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your commitment ensures that your parish ministries continue to be enriched so that we may journey together as missionary disciples of Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Martin Amos

Bishop of Davenport



Bishop Martin Amos greets parishioners as they return from the Pope's visit in Philadelphia.



Please consider making a pledge over a period of months. Giving approximately one percent of your annual income is a good guideline to follow.

Ways to Give

- Checks payable to the **Diocese of Davenport**
- Automatic deduction from your bank account – see the pledge envelope or QR code above.
- Credit or debit card payments – provide information on our secure website at www.davenportdiocese.org
- Contact the Office of Development to set up a stock transfer, make a gift of grain or for other assistance.

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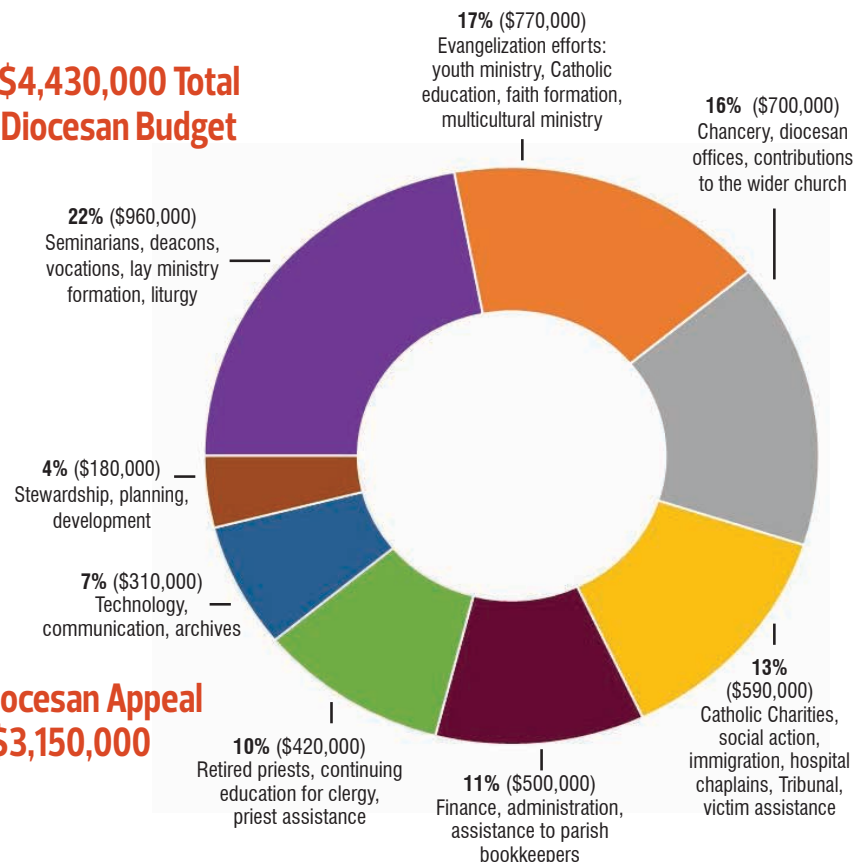
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All Annual Diocesan Appeal funds are used, without exception, to support the ministries, programs and services of our diocese. Your gift helps us live mercy throughout southeastern Iowa.

\$4,430,000 Total Diocesan Budget



Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal \$3,150,000