



“...BRING YOUR GIFT *to the altar...*”  
-MATTHEW 5:23

“My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

February 11-12 was the kick-off weekend for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Call to Share. The readings talked about keeping the commandments and the Holy Spirit.

From the Gospel of Matthew, we read “bring your gift to the altar.” God invites us to bring our gifts to the altar. There are many wonderful families, teachers and staff members within the diocese who bring their gifts to the Church. What gift do you bring?

None of us knows the fullness of glory that awaits us if we keep close to Christ and follow his commandments. Those who walk the narrow path are promised heaven. But what is heaven? Only the Spirit knows. But we know that the more we love God, the more possible heaven will be our reward. And so, we do our best to love God. But being a disciple, which is our diocesan mission, is helping other people to love God so that they might also attain heaven.

I hope you join us in leaving your gifts at the altar and helping others to encounter Christ. You can do this in many ways through your God-given talents, but also through a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Call to Share.

In Christ’s service,

Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke  
Bishop of Salina



YOUR GIFT WITNESSES BY  
*Faith, Hope and Love*



## HOW CAN I MAKE A GIFT?

- Online at [www.salinadiocese.org](http://www.salinadiocese.org)
- By check to: Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina
- Gifts of securities
- Gifts of harvest
- Recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund
- Direct a distribution from your retirement account

**For more information, please contact:**  
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 **CALL TO**  
*Share*

*bring*  
**YOUR GIFT** TO THE  
*altar*  
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## WHAT DOES THE DIOCESE OF SALINA INCLUDE?

Ranging from the Flint Hills to Mount Sunflower, the Diocese of Salina is comprised of 31 counties and is in the northwest and north central corner of Kansas. The diocese ministers to 38,894 Catholics and has 86 parishes, 5 Catholic high schools and 11 Catholic grade schools.

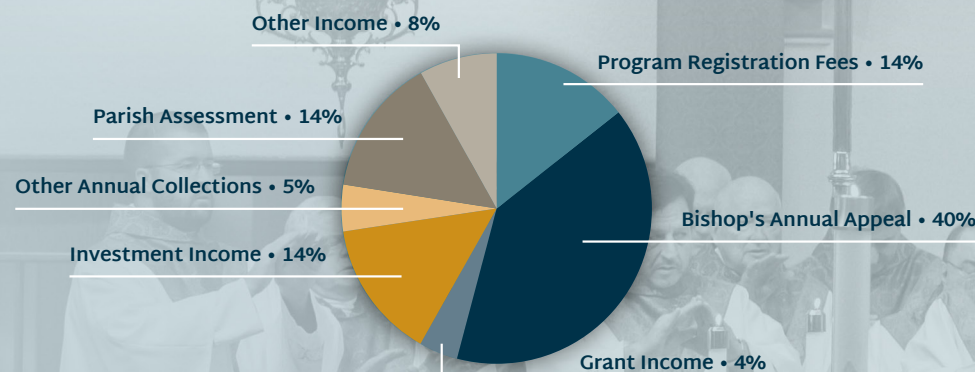
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## WHERE DOES OUR DIOCESE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM?

The Diocese of Salina receives funding from several sources, with about 40% of funding coming from the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share.



## WHAT IS THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALL TO SHARE?

The appeal is an annual event that kicks off in February and concludes the following January. The appeal is a fundraiser, but it is also an opportunity for the faithful to learn more about the diocese and join in the diocesan mission through making a gift.

## HOW DOES THE APPEAL SUPPORT THE MISSION?

That is a great question, and here are just a few examples.

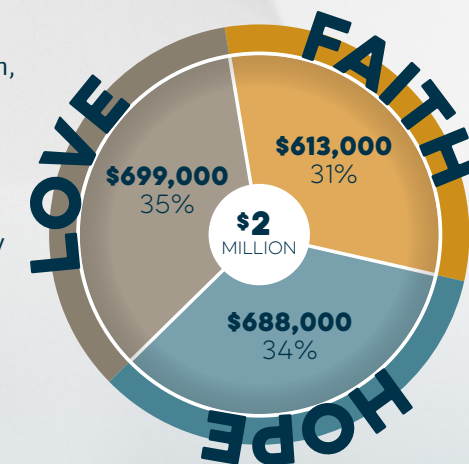
We have more men in seminary this year, and we have also started to increase our opportunities for young men to discern the priesthood. We have increased presence of diocesan leadership across the diocese – perhaps you've seen Bishop Jerry Vincke or Superintendent Geoff Andrews at your annual school auction or a football game? We've updated our catechism program to better serve students in parish religious education throughout the diocese, and we are planning new and improved resources for our Catholic marriage preparation program.

## WHY IS THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL SO IMPORTANT?

Our mission is to help people encounter Christ. Whether it is helping faithful Catholics deepen their relationship or helping people who have never even known Him – the Bishop's Annual Appeal is critical to make these encounters happen.

## WHAT DID MY GIFT DO LAST YEAR?

Last year, we witnessed by faith, hope and love. Because of you, our vocations office brought in a class of 10 seminarians, six of which are new! Because of you, our elderly priests received the health care and retirement they needed. Because of you, Bishop Vincke was able to travel throughout the diocese and spend his time doing what he loves best – being with the faithful and sharing the love of Christ. Because of you, we added new Family Life events and expanded our youth programs. Because of you, we did these things and so much more.



## WHAT DREAMS DOES THE DIOCESE HAVE FOR 2023?

The ultimate dream is that through our united discipleship every person in our diocese has a unique, individual and personal encounter with Christ. The dream of the Diocese of Salina is that every person knows the Person of Jesus and becomes disciples on mission. The ministries and vocations supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal make this happen.