

**EVERY PARISH  
in the diocese receives a  
direct financial benefit  
from the DRF!**

**Along with parishes, the  
following ministries have received  
financial assistance as well:**

Archives	Opportunities for Life
Black Catholic Ministry	Pastoral Planning & Parish Services
Catholic Charities	Permanent Diaconate
Catholic Schools	Safe Environment
Communications	School Food Service
Ecumenism	Social Concerns
Evangelization	Spiritual Life
Faith Formation	Stewardship & Development
Gasper River Youth Camp	Technology
Hispanic Ministry	Tribunal
Hispanic Youth & Young Adult Ministry	Vocations
Marriage & Family Life	Western Kentucky Catholic
Missions	Worship
Music	Young Adult Ministry
Ongoing Formation of Priests	Youth Ministry



## Catholic youth camp provides opportunities to encounter Christ

Last year the diocese launched a four-year evangelization plan entitled, Living as Missionary Disciples. The first year is a year of encountering Christ.

One of the ways that youth in and outside of our diocese can encounter Christ is at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. Thanks to the generous support of Disciples Response Fund donors, new programming was added to the camp this past summer, continuing to make it competitive, fun and most importantly, faith-filled.

Gasper River is the hidden jewel of the diocese. Let's not keep this jewel hidden any longer. We want youth and families to encounter Jesus through activities that help grow their faith.

Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful ministry over the years. May God bless your generosity!

## Leave a gift in your will

If the Catholic Church was important to you in your life, it should be important in death. Consider leaving a gift to the Church from your final estate.

### RETIREES CAN EARN MORE INCOME!

Retirees can earn between 4% and 8% depending on your age if you want to consider a charitable gift annuity investment. The minimum charitable investment is \$5,000, and you receive a significant guaranteed lifetime income with tax advantages.

At the time of your death, the annuity is contributed to your parish, school or diocesan ministry of your choice.

Please generously support the work  
of our diocese and parishes.



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2018-2019  
Disciples Response  
FUND APPEAL



# 2018-2019 Annual Appeal Goal

## Missionary Discipleship \$65,000

Promotes the mission and formation of discipleship efforts of the diocese and the Catholic Church of western Kentucky.

## Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry \$71,500

Promotes the Gospel through coordinated activities with young people in the diocese. Provides for FOCUS ministry on Murray State University and Western Kentucky University campuses as well as support for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center.

## Parish Grants & Charitable Works \$97,500

Provides grants to financially assist Catholic parishes and organizations to carry out the mission of Christ and help provide for needs of the poor and vulnerable of western Kentucky by providing shelter, nourishment, counseling, and education.

## Faith and Family Life Enrichment \$123,000

Continues faith formation endeavors for people of all ages including strengthening Catholic schools education, parish-based religious education, catechist formation, RCIA and family life enrichment.



## Clergy & Seminarian Formation \$292,500

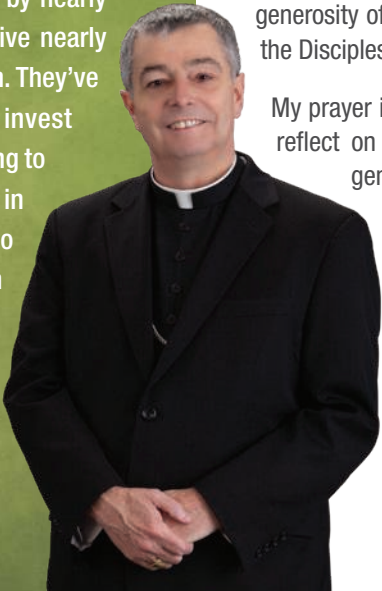
Provides for the intellectual, spiritual and pastoral care, and formation of the priests, deacons and seminarians of the diocese.



## St. Peter of Antioch & Sacred Heart invest in students

Parishes that exceed their target during the Disciples Response Fund receive 50% back in the form of a rebate check. Some parishes invest the funds back into their church to assist with building projects or program needs while others are investing in their students.

St. Peter of Antioch and Sacred Heart in Waverly together exceeded their parish goal by nearly \$8,000 which means they will receive nearly \$4,000 back to use at their discretion. They've decided to take those funds and invest them into the lives of students wishing to attend John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield. All Catholic families who want to send their children to John Paul II can apply for a tuition subsidy. Through the generosity of donors at St. Peter and Sacred Heart, more families are able to send their children to a Catholic school.



## Message from Bishop Medley

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As followers of Christ, we have a calling to share the news of Jesus with others and to accompany them on their journey of faith. In 2017, we impacted nearly 600 youth at camps held at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center; we assisted our eight seminarians currently in formation to become priests for our diocese; evangelization and faith formation efforts helped us celebrate 786 First Communions and 898 Confirmations across the diocese; and we served numerous parishes and affiliated organizations by funding more than \$90,000 in DRF grants.

Sharing the love of Jesus with others through the ministries of the diocese is made possible due to you and your pastor vigorously embracing our annual appeal. Last year our goal was exceeded by more than \$120,000. This led to parishes receiving rebate checks totaling more than \$60,000 to further invest back into their local parish communities.

I come to the good people of the Diocese of Owensboro again this year to invite your response to the needs of the Catholic Church and the people we serve. The diocese funds its good works through the generosity of faithful Catholics like you who support the Disciples Response Fund.

My prayer is that we, as a faithful community, may reflect on what God has given us and return a generous portion of those gifts to help in the work of our Diocese and our parishes.

May God bless you all.

**Most Reverend William F. Medley**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro

# Ways to Give to the Disciples Response Fund

For every dollar raised over the target, your parish will receive 50% of those dollars in the form of a cash rebate.

## Gifts of Cash

Checks should be made payable to the Disciples Response Fund Appeal. Please make sure your parish name is clearly printed on the memo line of the check.

## Online Giving

For your convenience, please visit our website at [owensborodiocese.org/give/](https://owensborodiocese.org/give/) to make your gift or pledge payments online using a credit card.

## Credit Card

We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Simply provide your credit card details on your pledge card.

## Pledge Your Gift Over 10 Months

A gift to the Disciples Response Fund Appeal may be paid over 10 months. If possible, please include your first month's payment when you mail your pledge.

## Gift of Securities

Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of your gift.

## Matching Gifts

Many corporations endeavor to match the charitable contributions of employees. Please contact your company's Human Resource professional to determine if your company participates in the Matching Gift Program.