

Disciples Response ²⁰²⁰⁻²⁰²¹ FUND APPEAL

- The Church has a responsibility to teach what Jesus taught. To do so, we need your support.
- There is grace in every decision we make to be generous to the people and the Church around us.
- We are all called to different levels of generosity. But we are all called to generosity.
- Jesus understood the complicated challenges we face with financial decisions. He dedicated many of his parables to these issues.
- Use money to bless your family, but please use a portion to powerfully bless the Church of western Kentucky.



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020-2021 Disciples Response Fund Appeal.

See back for Commitment Weekend pledge card sample.

Clergy & Seminarian Formation

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

COVID-19 Assistance/Catholic Charities

Months of feeding the hungry, assisting with rent, temporary shelter, other basic needs.

Faith and Family Life Enrichment

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.

Parish Grants & Charitable Works

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.

Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry

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.

Missionary Discipleship

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

The DRF Serves Priest Formation!

The Journey of Deacon Corey Bruns



Throughout the previous eight years, I have been blessed continuously by the generosity of the people and Church of the Diocese of Owensboro. In 2012, I began my studies for the priesthood at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary at Marian University in Indianapolis. After four years, I graduated with a degree in Catholic Studies (a focus in philosophy/theology) which set me up well for my graduate studies in theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary, where I will complete my ninth and final year of Seminary formation during the coming school year.

Discernment of and formation for the priesthood has to take place within the Seminary. We hear the Lord's call in the midst of our families and parish communities, but it is only within the Seminary that a man can receive what he needs to respond in love to his Vocation. In Seminary, I came to know more of who I am and who God was inviting me to be. There, in the midst of my own woundedness, the Lord has shown me how I can be an instrument of His love and mercy to a world which so desperately needs the Hope of the Gospel. This journey has been one of great joy and I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of the diocese in providing for my education and formation. Without your help, I wouldn't be the man I am today. Please pray for me as I continue to conform myself and my life to Jesus Christ, our High Priest, so that I might give of myself fully through the graces of Holy Orders in the coming years.

How You Can Help

There are several ways to provide financial support to the 2020-2021 Disciples Response Fund Appeal:

- One-time gifts or pledges paid over 12 months with reminders sent for your convenience.
- Credit card contributions – see information on your pledge card.

What's your Catholic legacy? Please consider including the Disciples Response Fund Appeal in your will or estate plans. For more information, call 270-852-8348 or email valeria.vessels@pastoral.org.

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All the faithful in the Diocese of Owensboro are invited to participate in the 2020-2021 Disciples Response Fund Appeal. Below is a SAMPLE Commitment Weekend form that will be distributed next weekend at all parish Masses. Please consider a sacrificial gift pledged over 12 months.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Please check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. and Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.		PLEASE PRINT BELOW:	
John	Mary	Smith	
First name	Spouse name	Last name	
123 First Street	Anytown	KY 01234	
Address	City	State	Zip
555-123-4567	email@domain.com		
Phone	Email		
St. Mary's, Anytown			
Please credit my gift to (Parish Name and City)			
Ways to Give			
Give online: owensborodiocese.org/give			
Text to Give: 270-200-5919			
Mail your gift: Fill out your credit card information below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover			
Credit Card Number 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6		Exp. Date 12/15	
John Smith		Signature	
Print name as it appears on card			
Please remit to: Disciples Response Fund Appeal, McRraith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301			
If you need assistance or have a question, please call 270-852-8348 or email valeria.vessels@pastoral.org .			
Diocese of Owensboro • Disciples Response Fund 2020-2021 ANNUAL APPEAL			
Suggested Pledge		12 Monthly Payments	
St. Stephen Society <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,440.00..... \$120.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,200.00..... \$100.00			
Circle of Compassion <input type="checkbox"/> \$840.00.....\$70.00			
Circle of Mercy <input type="checkbox"/> \$600.00.....\$50.00			
Circle of Grace <input type="checkbox"/> \$420.00.....\$35.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$240.00.....\$20.00			
Other Gifts <input type="checkbox"/> \$120.00.....\$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Other.....\$_____			
Total Amount Pledged		\$ 1,200.00	
Amount Enclosed		\$ 100.00	
Balance to be Paid		\$ 1,100.00	
Payment Terms			
<input type="checkbox"/> One Time Pledge			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 Monthly Payments			