

One of the extraordinary blessings of the Disciples Response Fund is that every gift—whether large or small—is joined together to become something far greater than any one of us could accomplish alone. Together, we share in the work of building God’s Kingdom.

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Gasper River Youth Camp

Each summer at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp, children and teenagers encounter Jesus Christ in ways that often shape the course of their lives. Friendships rooted in faith are formed. Hearts are opened to God’s call. In fact, young women who once attended camp have entered religious life, former campers and staff have discerned vocations to the priesthood, faithful Catholic marriages have begun among former staff members, and even families have entered the Catholic Church because of their children’s experience at camp. These are not simply camp memories—they are lasting fruits of faith.

Seminarian Formation

Gifts to the Disciples Response Fund help us prepare the future priests who will one day baptize our children, celebrate the Eucharist, witness marriages, comfort families in times of sorrow, and proclaim the Gospel in our parishes. Today, we are blessed with 14 men discerning God’s call to the priesthood. *Seminarian formation*

is the single largest ministry supported through the Disciples Response Fund, with an annual investment of approximately \$938,000 each year. While the cost is significant, the gift of a faithful priest serving God’s people for decades is beyond measure.



Catholic Marriage Ministry

Strong families remain the heart of a vibrant Church. Through our Catholic Marriage Ministry, engaged couples receive more than preparation for their wedding day. They are given a strong Catholic foundation for a lifetime of faithful marriage. Through marriage preparation, retreats, and ongoing support like the Grace Marriage program, we continue accompanying couples as they grow together in faith and love. Healthy marriages strengthen families, and strong families strengthen every parish in our Diocese.



Youth Ministry

The Disciples Response Fund also supports Youth Ministry, creating opportunities for young people to deepen their relationship with Christ through retreats, service experiences, leadership formation, and parish programs. In a world that often pulls our youth in many different directions, these ministries remind them that they are known, loved, and called by God.



Supporting the Disciples Response Fund helps a child discover Christ. It encourages a young person to remain active in the Church, strengthens a marriage and a family. Supporting the Disciples Response Fund helps prepare the next generation of priests who will faithfully serve our Diocese for years to come.