

**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	Ongoing Formation of Priests
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
Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center	Technology
Hispanic/Latino Ministry	Tribunal
Hispanic Youth & Young Adult Ministry	Vocations
Marriage & Family Life	The Western Kentucky Catholic Newspaper
Missions	Worship
Music	Young Adult Ministry
	Youth Ministry

# 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.

## RETIREEES 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 the parish, school or diocesan ministry of your choice.

**Please generously support the work  
of our diocese and parishes.**



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## Disciples Response FUND APPEAL 2023-2024



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where  
there is offense, let me bring pardon. Where  
there is discord, let me bring union. Where  
there is error, let me bring truth. Where there  
is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is  
despair, let me bring hope. Where there is  
darkness, let me bring your light.

**“For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was  
a stranger and you welcomed me.”**

**Matthew 25:35**

# Catholic Community AT A GLANCE

*Below statistics reflect the 2022 calendar year*



51,000  
Catholic Population

## Ways to Give

### Cash, Credit Card & Online Giving

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.

Visit our website at [owensborodiocese.org/give-disciples-response-fund](https://owensborodiocese.org/give-disciples-response-fund) to make your gift or pledge payments online using a credit card.

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

### Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

We also accept payments from your Required Minimum Distribution. Here is an example of the tax benefit: if your RMD amount is \$5,000 a year, you can make a \$3,000 gift to Disciples Response Fund and take the remaining \$2,000 yourself, then you only have to pay taxes just on \$2,000. Or, you can give the full \$5,000 if you choose to do so, and owe no taxes on your RMD for that year. To receive this tax benefit, checks must be made payable to Diocese of Owensboro, not in your name.

### Gifts of Securities

Including appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds, may provide special tax advantages.

By donating appreciated securities that you have owned for longer than one year, you receive the same income tax savings as you would by making a gift of cash or by check. You also avoid tax on the capital gains built up in donated securities.



68

Diocesan priests

43

Permanent  
deacons



5

Religious priests  
serving our  
diocese



109

Sisters

108

Lay ministers

3

Seminarians

654

Infant baptisms

749

First Communion

645

Confirmations



78

Parishes

11,000

assisted annually  
through Catholic  
Charities



1

Catholic hospital



17

Catholic schools



217

Marriages

150

Catholic

67

Interfaith



3,462

Students



356

Teachers

559

Deaths



1

Catholic  
university

1,000+

Students