



2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Annual Diocesan Appeal?

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is the yearly campaign that supports all the work that Christ has asked us to do in serving our fellow man here in the Diocese of Peoria. It includes ministries that bring comfort to our seniors, food and shelter to those in need, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our young seminarians, Pre-Cana for engaged couples, adult faith formation, and importantly, leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish. Every parishioner is prayerfully asked for financial support.

Is there a minimum I need to donate?

There is no minimum. All gifts are gratefully accepted and valued. As stewards, we should take the time to reflect on our God given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Charitable giving is a reflection of our Christian Stewardship of treasure. All gifts to ADA are tax deductible and each donor will receive a tax letter from the Development Office in January.

Are ADA funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from sexual abuse cases?

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Diocese of Peoria. All funds raised will be used exclusively and solely to support the programs and ministries of the Diocese. **No monies donated to the ADA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.**

Why should I contribute?

The Church in our diocese certainly needs the financial support of its Catholic faithful. But more importantly because, as Catholics, we are part of the Mystical Body of Christ, we are called to share with each other the gifts He has given us. In contributing to the Appeal, you are responding to the call to be active participants within the universal Church.

How does the ADA benefit my parish and me?

Every Appeal gift goes to support diocesan programs and ministries which in turn provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. The Annual Diocesan Appeal most likely funded the education of the priests currently serving in your parish. Hundreds of young people annually participate in youth rally sponsored by Youth Ministry Office. Engaged couples receive marriage preparation through the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Men from each parish are invited to participate in annual Men's March to give witness to faith, family and fatherhood. **In addition, any money that is paid over the parish's goal will be returned to the parish for its own programs and services.**

How can I make my gift?

You may make a one-time gift, or pledge over eight months. You can make a gift through check, credit/debit card, direct debit from your checking or savings accounts or to pay your pledge online. We also accept gifts of stock and grain. Please call our office for detailed stock instructions at 309-671-1550.