



FROM THE DESKS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal Begins

"Thank you Bishop LaValley and the people of the Diocese who donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, your gift is greatly appreciated." - Michael of Mooers, New York.

When Michael was diagnosed with Myelodysplasia, a form of blood cancer, he decided to put his faith in God and let God handle all the worries and stress. After a bone marrow transplant, Michael developed a condition called Graft-versus-host disease. The condition became very aggressive leading to treatments which requires Michael to travel to Boston on a weekly basis. As a result, travel expenses such as gas, meals and hotel stays, have put a strain on Michael and his family's finances. Michael's pastor requested a grant from the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund on Michael's behalf. After receiving the grant, Michael expressed his gratitude to the donors of the Bishop's Fund Appeal, "I thank God every day for the grant I received from the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. There is no way I can thank you enough for the help I have received. After years of volunteering with my parish and

the Knights of Columbus, it is very humbling to be on the receiving end of charity."

The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund is just one of the many ministries and programs of the Bishop's Fund Appeal which allow us all to be Mercy In Motion to our sisters and brothers in Christ. It is through the support of Catholics across the Diocese who donate to the Bishop's Fund Appeal that we are able to bring the Mercy of God to thousands of lives each year.

The 2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal had another recording setting year. As a result, special grants were made available to food pantries located throughout the Diocese which helped ease the burden of many who struggle each day to put food on the table.

The 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal goal has been set at \$1,280,000 with any funds raised over the goal to be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

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Bishop's Fund Appeal Supports Vocations

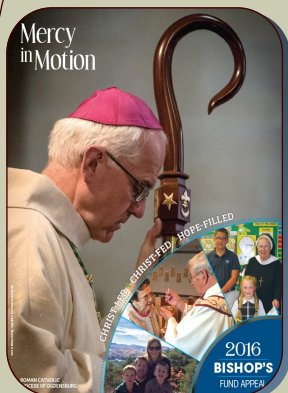


"I would like to express my personal gratitude to the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their prayers and financial support of me through the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. It's because of the financial aid that I have received through the annual appeal that I was able to complete my studies and prepare to serve the people of this Diocese as they deserve to be. Since the day I arrived in this Diocese, I have been made to feel welcomed and supported. I could not have made this journey alone and due to the generosity of the faithful of this Diocese, I didn't have to and I now look forward to ministering to the people who have made this journey possible. Thank you and may God bless you all." Deacon Todd Thibault of Canton, New York

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This year, the Bishop's Fund Appeal will kick-off in parishes across the Diocese the weekend of September 17 and 18.

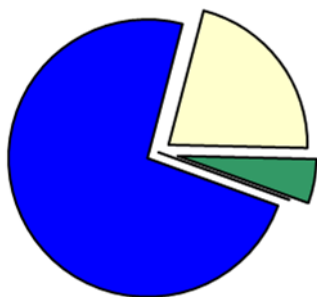
Your gifts to the Bishop's Fund Appeal enable the following ministries to be **Mercy In Motion** in the Diocese of Ogdensburg:

- Education of Seminarians
- Family Life Office
- Natural Family Planning Office
- Respect Life Ministry
- Formation for Ministry Program
- Office of the New Evangelization
- Continuing Education and Formation of Priests
- Priests' Graduate Studies
- Vocation Office
- Permanent Deacons
- Deacon Formation
- Tuition Assistance Program
- Campus Ministry Program
- Matching Gifts to Catholic Schools
- Department of Faith Formation
- Diocesan Center of Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Guggenheim Center
- Department of Worship

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Every gift, no matter the size is important to the many people we serve. Donations can be mailed to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, PO Box 150, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 or made online at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal.

To learn more about the Appeal and to view the 2016 Bishop's Fund Video, please visit our website at www.rcdony.org/bfvideo.

Bishop's Fund Appeal Progress



Bishop's Fund Totals as of September 16, 2016

Goal: \$1,280,000

■ Gifts Received To Date:	\$ 272,652.20
■ Matching Gifts for Schools:	<u>500.00</u>
Cash Received to Date:	273,152.20

■ Unpaid Pledges:	<u>66,021.10</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 339,173.30</u>

Donors: 798

■ Amount Remaining to Goal:	\$ 940,826.70
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