



## FROM THE DESKS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Diocese, Parishes Preparing For Capital Campaign

Bishop Terry R. LaValley after consulting with the Diocesan Finance Council, Investment Advisory Committee, the Priests Council, Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Episcopal Council, has decided to move forward with a capital campaign to be conducted in all parishes to generate upwards of \$15 million over the next four years.

Bishop's LaValley decision is in response to a feasibility study recommendation, that the diocese undertake the campaign, with 75% of the total funds being directed to the needs of the local parishes and 25% being directed to diocesan needs.

The Consulting firm *Guidance in Giving, Inc.* conducted the thorough study, personally interviewing all the priests, over 50 laity and retired priests and conducting a mail and on-line survey to 5,000 households throughout the diocese.

"I am delighted that we have the support of our priests and faithful as we undertake this important campaign," said Bishop LaValley. "We embarked on a bold undertaking in 2014 by setting Diocesan Goals and Priorities. Every parish is working to establish

a culture of vocations, promoting religious vocations and the vocation of marriage to build up our families. Our parishes are seeking to making catechesis more available, not only to our young people, but also to our adults. Training and enabling our laity to undertake their proper role in the parishes is also a priority in all our parishes, so that our priests and deacons can focus on the work that is properly theirs. This campaign will give us the resources we need to do the things that we set out to accomplish through the Envisioning Leadership Process. These goals and priorities came from the grass root level, and it is gratifying to see the wide-spread support for a campaign to raise the resources necessary to accomplish them."

Monsignor Dennis Duprey commented, "This campaign is the next logical step to accomplishing our goals and priorities as a diocese. Vibrant parishes, which are hotbeds for vocations, catechesis and the building up of the family require adequate resources to fund the personnel and the programs needed to do these things in our parish. The feasibility study demonstrates that the needs are great and the support is there."

### Next Steps To Begin In 2018 Three Block Phase Anticipated

*Guidance in Giving* has been retained to provide professional counsel in conducting the capital campaign.

Steve Babcock, Executive Vice-President of *Guidance In Giving, Inc.* recommends that the diocese begin working on campaign case statements, establishing a Clergy Advisory Committee, a Special Gifts Committee, and work on campaign themes and strategies in order to prepare for the actual campaign in each parish.

Seventy-five percent of the funds contributed to this campaign will remain in the parishes. Therefore, *Guidance In Giving* will meet with every pastor to help them form a leadership team, developing case statements pointing out the parish needs and the proposed use of the funds, and helping these parishes prepare their campaign materials.

The Parish portion of the campaign will be conducted in three blocks in 2018 anticipating some parishes running April-June 2018, others June-September 2018 and the remaining September-November 2018.

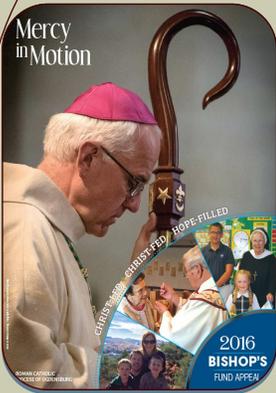
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## 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal Reaches Goal



With generous contributions from over 9,500 households the 2016 Bishop's Fund Appeal has reached its goal of \$1,280,000.

Bishop LaValley commented: "I join my prayers of gratitude with those of the many individuals and families of our North Country who have benefited from such generosity through the many ministries the Bishop's Fund Appeal supports. I am particularly appreciative of the strong leadership of our pastors who support this critical appeal each year."

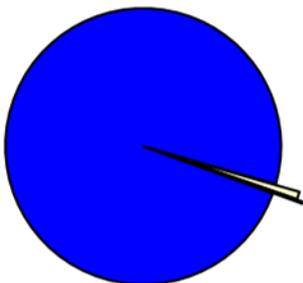
At this time, the Bishop's Fund Appeal has collected \$1,361,029.02 in gifts received with \$12,331.75 remaining in promised pledges. If you have made a pledge to the 2016-2017

Bishop's Fund Appeal, you are encouraged to complete your pledge before the end of **June 2017**.

All funds received over this year's goal will be designated to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund. The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund is a ministry of the Bishop's Fund Appeal which provides grants to individuals and families that are facing unexpected emergencies such as illnesses in the family, loss of homes to fires and flooding and job loss. The Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund also provides assistance to food pantries so that they may continue to help families in need.

Your support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal truly allows the Diocese of Ogdensburg to be **Mercy In Motion** by providing spiritual, educational and charitable support to all of our brothers and sisters in the North Country.

### Bishop's Fund Appeal Progress



#### Bishop's Fund Totals as of June 20, 2017

Goal: \$1,280,000

■ Gifts Received To Date:	\$ 1,357,879.02
■ Matching Gifts for Schools:	3,150.00
Cash Received to Date:	<u>1,361,029.02</u>

□ Unpaid Pledges:	<u>12,331.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,373,360.77</u></b>

Donors: 9,510

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