



The Crosier Society

The Crosier Society is an honorary society of donors who contribute 1% or more of their annual income to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Last year, 202 people joined this list of supporters. Please consider being a member of the 2023 Crosier Society.

Diocesan Development Fund Prayer

God of all goodness, source of all blessings, open our hearts to receive Your love, and strengthen our efforts to build up Your Church in southern Missouri.

Help us to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts You have given to us.

Guide us as we discover new ways to serve You in serving our neighbor.

Bless all those who participate in the DDF Campaign. May we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure as true disciples in our One Church, from East to West: Loving, Serving, and Sharing Jesus. Amen.

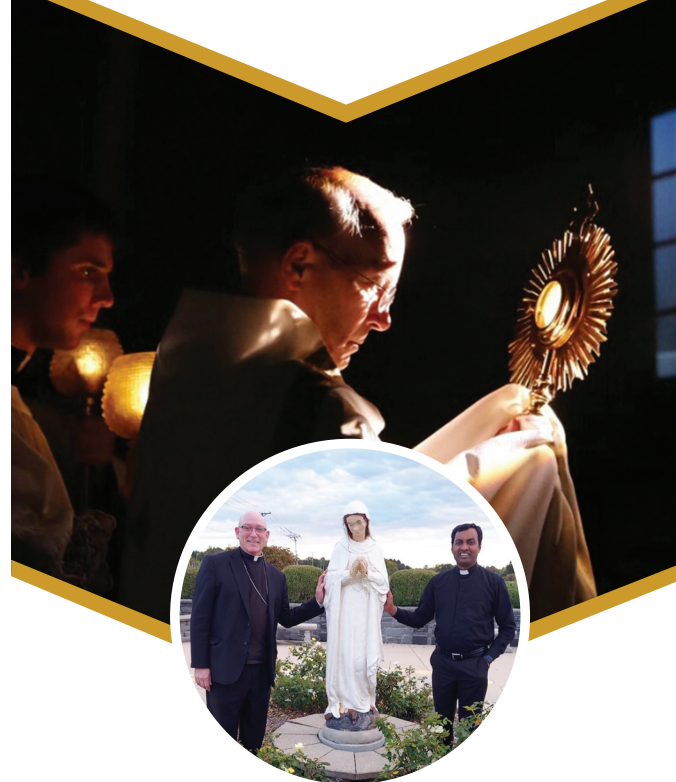
Jesus makes himself present in the Eucharist and he continues his saving and life-giving work in the Church for the life of the world. This is to become our work in our One Church, East to West.



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2023 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

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“...By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be All in all” (CCC 1326).

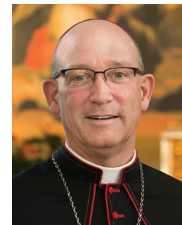
‘One Bread. One Body. One Church.’

With these words of our 2023 theme, we express the unity of our diocese, rooted in the Eucharist and the Sacramental Life of the Church. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, I, like every other bishop, am privileged to gather with each one of you at the altar in our parishes and missions for the celebration of Holy Mass.

Each one of us is part of the Body of Christ. Each one of us has something to contribute. To quote from Pope Benedict XVI, “Each of us is necessary!” If someone is missing from Sunday Holy Mass, the Body of Christ is weaker. When we participate in Holy Mass, we are that much stronger.

As we begin our annual campaign, the Diocesan Development Fund, I invite you to participate with a financial donation. Some may think their contribution is too small and it won’t make a difference. Some may simply rely upon others to donate and not bother. But, “Each of us is necessary!” Just as when we come to Mass, we are stronger: when we make a donation to DDF, regardless of the amount, we are made stronger and more impactful in the ways we evangelize and bring souls to Christ and his Church.

The culture of today has pretty much rejected Christianity and the Church oftentimes finds herself alone, even attacked, as she tries to proclaim the Gospel. Our task today is to fortify our efforts and strengthen our resolve as disciples: **together**. I thank you for your faith and dedication to your parish and community. Our priests are hard workers and while



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some of our parishes and missions are small, the size does not reflect the hearts and witness of our people. We do a lot despite being less than five percent of the general population!

The purpose of the Eucharistic Revival is to renew the Church by rekindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In 2023, we will look for better ways to reach out to those who don’t know Christ, as well as those who are no longer with us at the Mass. Each one of us is necessary in this important work, just as each donation to DDF is necessary, too, no matter its amount.

One Bread, One Body, One Church, reflects who and what we are. I thank you for your vibrant witness to the faith and for your financial support so that we, our One Church, East to West, may carry-on our mission of salvation and mercy.

God bless you.



Edward M. Rice

The Most Rev. Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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Please consider donating 1 percent of your income and becoming a member in the “Crosier Society.”

