

# 2020/21 Diocesan Appeal — CULTIVATE

Dear Donor,

From the goodness of the Lord God we receive every grace and blessing. All that we are and all that we have comes to us by means of his loving Providence. As disciples of Jesus, in response to his generosity, we joyfully cultivate the gifts we have received, so that we might bear much fruit.

In simple words, to cultivate is to attend to something. To cultivate the earth is to till it, so that what is planted might yield an even greater harvest. In a similar way, to cultivate the gift of faith that we received at our baptism is to attend to it so that our faith might increase and yield a great harvest.

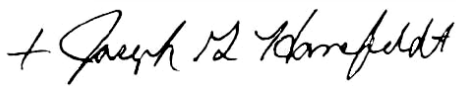
This is especially the case with the material and spiritual gifts God has given us. To cultivate our resources is to use them in a way that they will, in turn, bring the greatest possible honor and glory and praise to our God, as we build up the Church here in our diocese.

The focus of our 2020/21 Diocesan Appeal is this invitation to cultivate our faith, using the gifts, talents and resources the Lord has given each of us personally. By cultivating what we have received from the Lord, we are able to contribute to the well-being of others. In this way, we are able to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Please join me in this “cultivating” work of the Church with your support for the 2020/21 Diocesan Appeal. Together, with grateful hearts for all that we have received, let us cultivate what the Lord has given us, for his glory and the care of our brother and sisters.

In Christ, our Hope!

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph G. Hanefeldt  
Bishop of Grand Island

## Ministries at Work

### **Vocations**

Active Priests: 32  
International Priests: 8  
Retired Priests: 28  
Total Priests: 68; Seminarians: 8  
Deacons: 15  
Diaconate in Formation candidates: 6  
1 Ordination to Priesthood in 2020



16,095 magazines delivered to Catholic diocesan homes  
Design and in-house publication services  
Annual Grand Island Diocesan Directory

### **Newman Centers**

Chadron State & University of Nebraska, Kearney

Adoration Hours: 1,320  
Catholic Students: 600 CSC; 1,500 UNK  
Bible Studies: 18 with 100 participants-5 Retreats  
Community service, religious education hours: 548

### **Pro-Life Office**

Catholic Medical Association Guild established; Pro-Life Art & Essay contest; Walking with Moms in Need; Respect Life program; Culture of Life presentation to 479 students; March for Life

### **FAITH FORMATION EVANGELIZATION**

4,700 Students in formation classes  
570 Confirmed in Christ  
990 First Communicants  
117 RCIA candidates

### **Hispanic Ministry**

Serving more than 9 cultures in 10 parishes



### **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Higher Ground, Extreme Faith, National Catholic Youth Conference, FOCUS Conference, TEC retreats, Totus Tuus, TT Missionary retreat; Confirmation retreats, Young Adult Bible Study, Online High School Bible Study, Steubenville Conference

### **Stewardship**

#### **Stewardship & Development Office**

Grants for parish building and facilities, seminarians, religious sisters, staffing, Mass stipends, technology upgrades, conferences, Lumen Christi: \$117,763  
2019 #GiveCatholic: 26 Parishes, Ministries & Schools, 163 donors and \$21,368 raised  
20 Lay Ministry scholarships: \$7,400  
Bibles for ministry: 375 English; 20 Spanish: \$790

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#### DONOR INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Gift Plan:

Total Gift	10 Payments	4 Payments
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50	\$ 5	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100	\$ 10	\$ 25
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250	\$ 25	\$ 62.50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500	\$ 50	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	\$100	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Total Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to participate at this time.

#### Payment:

- Check payable to **Diocesan Appeal**  
 Credit Card/EFT (see reverse side)  
 I prefer to remain anonymous

#### Other Ways To Give:

- Please contact me about a gift of stock/grain/livestock  
 In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about including the Diocese of Grand Island, its parishes, schools and other Catholic ministries in my estate plan.

#### Recurring Monthly Gift:

- I would like to begin making a monthly/recurring gift of \_\_\_\_\_ starting immediately (see reverse side).

