

2017

Be Thankful



A message from Bishop Hoepfner:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want you to know how grateful I am for your continued contribution to our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gifts and ongoing support enable us, through the offices and ministries of the Diocese of Crookston, to help support and sustain the wonderful pastoral ministry that our priests and parishes provide for you. I want to take this opportunity in particular to express my pride and gratitude for the priests of this diocese, for their life-giving commitment to serve you, God's people here, and the marvelous witness they give to holiness and charity.

The expectations we have of our pastors are many. We call them to lead us in worship and prayer, to nourish us in preaching the word and ministering the sacraments. We ask them for spiritual guidance and direction. We turn to them when marriage problems arise, when dealing with grief or when some other of life's calamities occur as they inevitably will. We expect our priests to provide solace in difficult times and we invite them as well to share in the many wonderful and beautiful events of our life's journey. And our priests joyfully do it all. They truly love serving as ministerial priests, for God's glory and the good of God's people here. I am so very pleased and proud of our priests and pastors.

I am delighted, too, with all our priests who have engaged in the Good Leaders Good Shepherds program. This is a program of renewal that will run through this year and into the next, in which our priests, along with their bishop, will examine and develop their priestly ministry and leadership skills. The expenses for this intense program are being paid by the Diocese of Crookston, by our parishes and also by the priests themselves. Our priests have been asked to commit not only their time and energy in studying, but their own financial resources as well, as a personal buy-in to this priest-building, presbyterate-building program. Certainly we were blessed in last year's Year of Mercy. I know that we all will continue to be blessed as a result of our priests' involvement in Good Leaders Good Shepherds as they learn how to better serve God's People here.

Thank you for your continued contribution to our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gifts are helping to make the Good Leaders Good Shepherds program available. Continue to pray for our priests. Continue to pray for our seminarians. Continue, please, to pray for vocations. God bless you always.

*Right:
Fr. Larry Delaney, Fr. Craig Vasek,
and Fr. Todd Arends*



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“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15

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