

above ALL
let your Love for one another be INTENSE...
1 PETER 4:8,10



1 Peter 4:8-10 describes our love as being intense and we are told to use our gifts to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. We ask Jesus to grant us the ability to be conscious of the ways we can contribute toward providing the needs of others. He will surely listen.

God's love offers the grace which encourages us to provide service to others while receiving the blessings that emanate from the love we give to others. Ask the Holy Spirit to let your love for one another be intense as we serve the ministries of western South Dakota during our Annual Diocesan Appeal.

"Our marriage preparation put a major emphasis on marriage being a union between you, your spouse, and God. It focused on unity which we believe is the most important thing in a marriage. Our retreat weekend helped us focus on the idea that "A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime." Our marriage preparation brought us closer to each other and closer to God to set the grounds for an everlasting love."

~ Ben and Dawn Weiss
Celebration of Holy Matrimony
Holy Cross Chapel
August 15, 2015



"I have been able to be present at some of the most joyful, difficult, and important moments of peoples' lives already in these few short months of being a priest, and have been able to be pulled out of myself, in allowing Christ to work through me in others' lives. But at the end of the day, as I kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, I have had the humble honor of saying to Christ there, 'I'm just your useless servant; I've barely been able to accomplish what you've asked me to do today. Help me to be more generous tomorrow!' That's been my joy, and I'm so grateful to be able to live this life of a priest, Christ's representative!"

~ Fr. Mark Horn, Associate Pastor
St. Joseph Church, Spearfish
Ordained July 2, 2015

"We continue to pray and extend our gratitude for those who show their love for one another by providing their generous support to our ministry here. Yes indeed there are many demands. But we trust God will use the five loaves to feed thousands. This is our prayer. Last year was a little bit of a struggle, but hope takes us forward."

~ Fr. John Lule, Pastor
St. Bonaventure Church
McIntosh, SD

"The role of Lay Ministry helps to fill an always-present need for the hands, feet and voice of Jesus Christ within our parishes and communities throughout western South Dakota. With the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, being able to provide a witness of God's love through ministry is a blessing I will always cherish."

~ Bob Thompson
Commissioned Lay Minister

SOURCES OF DIOCESAN INCOME

Western SD Catholic Foundation.....	550,000
Use of Restricted Funds	418,720
Grants from Outside Charities	414,000
Terra Sancta Retreat Income.....	294,000
Adopt A Seminarian Program.....	140,000
Diocesan Program Income	117,461
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry.....	94,500
Parish Assessments	53,500
Gifts, Donations, Estates	44,500
Mission Coop Program.....	40,000
West River Catholic	38,400
Vocation Programs	35,205
Investment Income.....	28,000
Family Life Programs	16,148
Total.....	\$2,284,434

Your 2014 Annual Appeal Gifts \$1,271,369

TOTAL DIOCESAN INCOME \$3,555,803

COST OF DIOCESAN INCOME

Terra Sancta Retreat Center	674,089
Vocations and Seminary Education	446,959
West River Catholic Newspaper	269,841
Chancery Administration	254,359
Development	249,946
Faith Formation	177,712
Pastoral Programs	170,375
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry	168,458
Office of Tribunal	165,270
Family Life Programs	139,493
Ministry Formation Office	134,311
Office of Stewardship	119,478
Parish Accounting Office	115,435
Catholic Social Services	115,000
Grants to Parishes.....	100,000
Native Ministries	92,954
Office of the Bishop	60,882
Safe Environment Office	53,941
Campus Ministry	40,000
Office of Worship.....	7,300

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$3,555,803