

**THE EARTH IS
THE LORD'S
AND ALL IT HOLDS,
THE WORLD,
AND THOSE
WHO DWELL IN IT.
- PSALM 24:1**

*Shell Falls
Bighorn National Forest*

Finding Christ

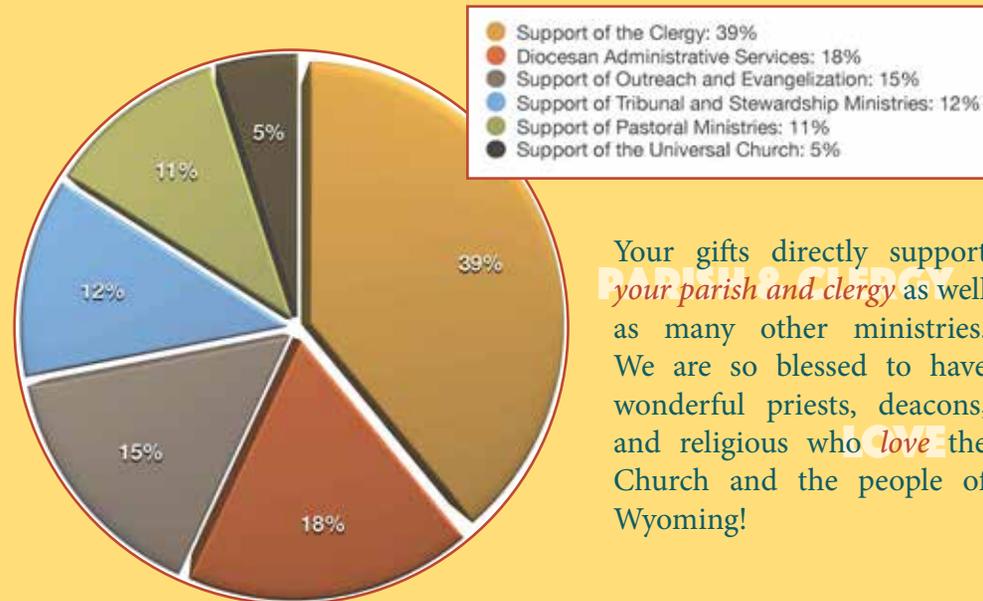
Every Day Everywhere in Every Person

Living & Giving
in Christ



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WHAT YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS SUPPORT



Your gifts directly support *your parish and clergy* as well as many other ministries. We are so blessed to have wonderful priests, deacons, and religious who *love* the Church and the people of Wyoming!

A HIGHLIGHT OF MINISTRIES YOU SUPPORT

PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION



Deacon Joe Sandrini and Deacon Kim Carroll at the Pro-Life March in January.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Ministry offers discernment and an admission/selection process for men exploring a vocational calling to the diaconate. The ministry provides specific formation in the theological, spiritual, pastoral and human dimensions of ordained ministry preparation. The five year program is specifically tailored to those men seeking a deeper, permanent response to be of service to God's people through ministry in the Church.

Each year, *we come to you*, the faithful of the Diocese of Cheyenne, and ask for your financial gifts to support the ministries of our diocese.

Each year, *we are blessed* with an extraordinary outpouring of generosity and abundance from the faithful in Wyoming.

Each year, *we are grateful* to you for your generosity and for sharing God's abundant gifts, lavishly bestowed upon us all, with our brothers and sisters across this great state.

Sharing our gifts is what leading a life of stewardship is all about, whether those gifts be time, talent or treasure. *Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries* gives all of us the opportunity to be engaged with our Diocese - our local Church - with our gifts of treasure.

In past years, we have discussed the Gospel call to give, as well as the *spirituality of stewardship*. However, we get plenty of questions as to where the money goes.

First, however, you should know that we are very *good stewards* of the gifts given. We have managed the resources of the Diocese like most of us manage our resources at home; that is, we do not spend what we do not have. Through careful management, we have built up our savings in order to handle unforeseen future challenges without jeopardizing the ministries upon which we all depend. We have finished the last seven fiscal years in the black, and will do so again this year.

We would like to share with you a sampling of those ministries made possible by our gifts to *Living and Giving in Christ*.





A GLANCE AT YOUR DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE

20,947
FAMILIES



37
PARISHES



35
MISSIONS



67
Active & Retired
PRIESTS



36
Permanent
DEACONS



106
AVG MILES PER WEEK
Driven by priests to celebrate
Mass at mission parishes



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Granite Reservoir
Curt Gowdy State Park

WYOMING CATHOLIC REGISTER

The only Catholic newspaper in the state, the *Wyoming Catholic Register* provides a chance for members of the Diocese to see what is going on in parishes across Wyoming. People don't regularly get a chance to visit other parishes, and the *Wyoming Catholic Register* is the means for parishioners from all parishes to catch up on events and happenings throughout the state. In addition, the *Register* carries articles that help us learn about our Catholic faith and doctrine.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL MINISTRY

As divorce rates indicate, many couples do not reach the completion of their matrimonial commitment. The Church is sensitive to this problem and strives to be responsive to the needs of these individuals so they may live good and productive lives in the Church and society. A declaration of invalidity by the Church, or as it is more commonly called, an annulment, is an acknowledgment that a particular couple never achieved a full marriage commitment. Through this ministry, those who are divorced can have the Lord's mercy through the outreach of the Church. There is no charge for this service.

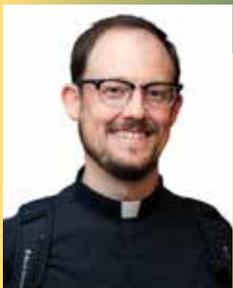
CATECHESIS & YOUTH MINISTRY

The Diocese of Cheyenne, through our gifts to Living and Giving in Christ, provides training, guidance and resources for those who pass on the faith; catechists, directors of religious education, youth ministers, parents, lay leaders and clergy. *Deacon Vernon Dobelmann* leads the Office of Pastoral Ministries which supports Wyoming's five Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Peace & Justice, and Respect Life. These programs include a vibrant youth and young adult ministry headed by *Amy Larsen*, serving children from elementary school through the high school level.



VOCATIONS MINISTRY

The Vocations ministry, under the direction of *Father Steve Titus*, fosters and supports the work of identifying, encouraging, and inviting qualified candidates to serve as parish priests within the Diocese of Cheyenne. This relational ministry offers opportunities for young men to encounter the Lord in their vocational discernment.



LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

As Legislative Liaison, *Deacon Mike Leman* serves as a point of contact between the leadership and faithful of the Diocese of Cheyenne and representatives of the local, state and federal governments. His ministry gives voice to the Catholic perspective on issues of public policy and encourages political engagement, reaching beyond party affiliation and partisanship, with an emphasis on mutual recognition of common moral principles.



STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT



The Stewardship and Development Ministry, led by *Matt Potter*, encourages and facilitates the act of financial giving and provides resources and training to advance the Church's teachings on stewardship of all gifts. This ministry supports the identification and education of Catholic leaders to offer an informed and enthusiastic approach to the sharing of financial gifts, as well as the sharing of time and talent in service to the Church. This ministry also assists with the

direct involvement of Catholic lay leaders at the diocesan level.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop-elect Steven Biegler will be the 9th Bishop of Cheyenne following his ordination and installation on June 5, 2017. Bishop-elect Biegler is a native of South Dakota and is currently a priest of the Diocese of Rapid City. Bishop-elect Biegler is familiar with much of Wyoming and has family in Gillette and Cheyenne.

We welcome him and look forward to his pastoral care and leadership.



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