Fifty Years Ago Pope Paul VI announced the formation of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis.

The Diocese of Memphis respectfully serves all God’s children, regardless of their religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ethnic background.
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Catholic Diocese of Memphis this year! The theme for our year-long celebration is That All May Be One. What an appropriate scriptural theme to share with our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal where Christ walks with us and encourages us to be His hands, His feet and His heart in the midst of a pandemic.

Following the Golden Rule of Jesus, to love our neighbors (Matthew 7:12) has been challenging during this pandemic where we are instructed to distance ourselves, wear masks and limit our gatherings. It is exactly in times like these that we come together as a community of Catholic families to support each other. I have been inspired by many of you offering yourselves in service to your family, in outreach to parishioners and neighbors and through ministries using virtual meetings to connect, pray and build community.

Our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal provides the foundation for enabling us to support the vital ministries in our Diocese. For that reason, I ask you to prayerfully consider participating generously in this year’s Appeal with the knowledge that in doing so, you enter more fully into the work of Christ and the mission of discipleship. I remain fraternally yours.

In the light and love of the Lord,

Most Rev. David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.

Sixth Bishop of Memphis in Tennessee
Catholic Diocese of Memphis Begins, 1971

First All Schools Mass, 1999

Catholic Charities Refugee Lunch, 2002

Magnificat Day, 2014
Mother Theresa Visits Memphis, 1989

First Mass in Memphis
Magevney House, 1839

Encuentro Hispano, 2003

Ordination of Fr. Joe Tagg, 1988

Dedication of the Civil Rights Museum, 1991
Building of Villa Vianney, 2003

Jubilee Year Confirmation, 2000

Ordination of Fr. Joe Tagg, 1988

25th Anniversary Celebration of our Memphis Diocese, 1996

Historical Publication of our Memphis Diocese

First Permanent Diaconate Class, 1978
The Appeal provides support to our retired priests who have dedicated their lives in service to our Diocese and to our Seminarians who are working hard to be the future priests in our Diocese. The Appeal also ensures that our religious education programs are available for the next generation to strengthen our families, deepen our faith as adults and help bring the loving mercy of God to our neighbors in need.

“La Campaña provee apoyo a nuestros sacerdotes retirados --quienes han dedicado sus vidas al servicio de nuestra Diócesis, y a nuestros Seminaristas --quienes están trabajando duro para convertirse en los futuros sacerdotes de nuestra Diócesis. La Campaña también asegura que nuestros programas de educación religiosa estarán disponibles para la siguiente generación, para fortalecer a nuestras familias, profundizar el conocimiento de nuestra fe como adultos, y ayudar a traer la amorosa misericordia de Dios a nuestros hermanos más necesitados.
### Ministry Supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal

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#### Ministries
- Catholic Charities of West Tennessee: (901) 722-4700
- Campus & Young Adult Ministries: (901) 323-3051
- Catholic Cemeteries: (901) 949-1529
- Catholic Schools Office: (901) 373-1219
- Community Health Ministry: (901) 373-1224
- Deaconate Formation: (901) 373-1245
- Evangelization/Pastoral Life Ministries: (901) 373-1234
- Family Ministries: (901) 373-1234
- Marriage Tribunal: (901) 373-1239
- Multicultural Ministries: (901) 373-1234
- Prison Ministry: (901) 373-1299
- Religious Education: (901) 373-1200
- Seminarian Education: (901) 373-1244
- Spiritual Formation: (731) 548-2500
- Victim Assistance / Children, Youths & Vulnerable Adults: (901) 652-4066
- Worship & Spiritual Life: (901) 373-1200
- Youth Ministries: (901) 373-1256

#### Diocesan Support Services
- Archives: (901) 373-1200
- Communications: (901) 373-1208
- Development: (901) 373-1273
- Engineering & Maintenance: (901) 373-1274
- Facilities & Risk Management: (901) 373-1274
- Financial Administration: (901) 373-1296
- Human Resources: (901) 373-1251
- Planned Giving: (901) 373-1273
- Technology: (901) 373-1248
A PRAYER OF COMPASSION

Lord, open our eyes, that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one.

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The Catholic Diocese of Memphis was established in 1971 and presently consists of 47 parishes and missions with 15 Catholic schools in four deaneries across 21 counties in West Tennessee. More than 70,000 Catholics make this diverse, vibrant and faith-filled diocese their home. Led by Bishop David P. Talley, the Diocese of Memphis is committed to helping the faithful encounter the living Christ through conversion, communion, service and unity. The Diocese of Memphis respectfully serves all God’s children, regardless of their religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ethnic background. Please visit us at cdom.org.