Jesus called His first disciples one by one to follow Him. Each of us is called by name to renew our lives in Jesus Christ. We journey as a community of faith, one by one, to eagerly discover, follow, worship and share Jesus with all those we meet along our way. So today, there is a question before us:

How can we better lead all people to the Kingdom of God?

The one by One campaign answers this question by strengthening our parishes, transforming our schools and faith formation programs, expanding our charitable outreach, providing for our clergy and creating dedicated communities of missionary disciples. Over the course of this campaign, we will raise funds to enhance the programs and facilities needed to support our mission at the Diocesan and local parish levels. In the parish campaigns 50% of funds will support the local parish needs and 50% will be used for Diocese initiatives. Through this campaign, we will inspire hearts to positively transform our communities.

Jesus commissioned the disciples to go into the world to preach the Good News to all nations and cultures until our blessed Lord returns in glory. That responsibility is now ours.

We are called one by one to a life of missionary discipleship to share our faith with those who need to hear and see it most. As disciples in the 21st Century, we are called to be Jesus’ witnesses, transformed by Him, encouraging the hearts of others.

Our sixteen-county Diocese is richly blessed by parishes, schools, programs of faith formation and ministries provided to us through the sacrifices of previous generations. Yet, living in a world where we are challenged to renew our life in Christ, we must see and respond to the world as it truly is. As a community of missionary disciples, we are called to care not only for that which was given to us, but to reimagine and respond to the challenges we face today and tomorrow.

Our Campaign Priorities

Across our Diocese, funds raised through the one by One campaign will strengthen our vibrant parishes, enhance Catholic education in all forms, broaden charitable and living justice programs, provide for those who serve, create a community that leads others to Jesus and provide for technology and communication upgrades. The campaign will empower each of us to transform our communities as missionary disciples – as we share the healing, teaching and loving presence of Jesus where we live, work and pray.
Enriching and Broadening Catholic Charities and Living Justice
Caring for those in need to bring more people to Jesus.
Goal: $6,050,000

“Charity and justice are actually two sides of the same coin or like the right and left hand of the body of Christ, the Church. When we do acts of charity, we ought to be thinking about how we can be part of a solution on a systematic level so that people are not devastated by the unjust actions of others.”

Bishop David L. Ricken, Parishes: Called to be Holy, Fully Engaged, Fully Alive

As followers of Jesus Christ, one by one, we are called to be formed in faith and lead a life of active witness, proclaiming the Good News. An essential part of responding to the invitation to become a missionary disciple is fully following the call of Jesus Christ to seek out the stranger, heal the sick and welcome the weary; we need to invite all into deeper relationships with Jesus Christ. We are also called to develop transformational relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Such interactions bring others to the truth and joy of the Gospel.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay lives out the mission of the Gospel in serving those who are most in need in our communities. In addition to promoting the social teachings of the Church, especially as they relate to issues of justice and human dignity, Catholic Charities assists the Diocese and parishes to help others experience the love of God.

As a Diocesan-wide resource, Catholic Charities will address gaps in service and respond to people among us that others won’t serve. The Diocese will provide expanded outreach services for St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter, and the Catholic Foundation will administer a grant program for homeless shelters and service providers throughout the Diocese.

We will renew our commitment to people in need by:

- Expanding our charitable outreach and services
- Providing addiction outreach services
- Addressing issues of homelessness
Expanding Our Charitable Outreach and Services: $2,550,000
The darkness of mental illness, emotional suffering and poverty are not limited to our major population areas. Yet, the current reach of Catholic Charities programs is often limited to larger population centers.

Adding to current programs offered at seven existing centers, Catholic Charities will extend full and part-time services in Waupaca, Chilton, Sturgeon Bay, Antigo, Lakewood and Florence. These expanded outreach programs will give us new opportunities to serve an additional twelve hundred people a year. Through this commitment to expand outreach, Catholic Charities will:

• Establish a Catholic presence to respond to our Gospel call to serve others by addressing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy
• Enhance community relationships and actively engage parishes and community partners in strategies to respond to community and individual needs
• Bring the light of Christ in new ways to those who suffer from mental, financial or physical duress

Providing Addiction Outreach Services: $500,000
The pain of addiction and drug overdose deaths has reached epidemic proportions throughout the Diocese. Across Wisconsin, overdose deaths in 2018 are up 35% over last year. As a result, the growth of this epidemic has revealed a lack of trained alcohol and drug counselors in Northeast Wisconsin. These prevention and counseling services are needed now more than ever.

Adding four new alcohol and other drug abuse counselors covering the Green Bay metro area, Marinette, Fox Cities, as well as the communities in and around Menominee County and Shawano will provide vital resources for addiction and counseling services. This increase will support more than five hundred people who are wrestling with addiction, as well as providing community information and quarterly healing workshops in these areas.

The benefits from these expanded services will be significant and include:

• A better community-wide understanding of addiction issues
• Live referrals for persons receiving services, providing these individuals with information about Catholic Charities, parish and other community-based services
• Successful completion of treatment programs from more than half of those receiving counseling
Addressing Issues of Homelessness: $3,000,000

As missionary disciples, we are asked to introduce our brothers and sisters in faith to the joy of forming a relationship with Jesus Christ. If we are to be effective in bringing others to the Gospel, we must meet them where they are, understand the circumstances of their lives and seek to promote the presence of God through works of love and mercy.

The Diocese will provide $1,500,000 to enhance the programmatic outreach of St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter in Green Bay. In addition to serving more than five hundred people – many of whom have a diagnosed physical or mental disability – with more than fifteen thousand nights of shelter every year, St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter also provides mental health services, alcohol and drug counseling and employment re-entry training. Funds provided to the shelter will be used to make necessary upgrades to the current facility and to create an endowment to ensure future services.

The remaining $1,500,000 will be made available, on a granting basis, to homeless shelters and homeless service providers within the Diocese. Grants will be considered and awarded based upon the projected impact of the specific issue that is being addressed, the ability of the solution to be scaled and replicated for other service providers, and the alignment of the project to the teaching and doctrine of both the Catholic Church and the mission and vision of the Diocese. The Catholic Foundation will manage this grant process.

The one by One campaign is managed by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc. For more than 20 years the Catholic Foundation has been encouraging financial stewardship and generosity by providing a faith-based avenue for families to support the Catholic causes they love through planned, capital and annual giving. The Foundation manages more than 200 funds and has distributed nearly $40 million through grants and distributions to impact lives in northeastern Wisconsin. To learn more about how you can join us in our mission to transform communities and help lead souls to Christ, please call 920.272.8181 or visit our website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org today!