

*Living & Giving  
in Christ:*

UNITY THROUGH DIOCESAN MINISTRIES





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, we are called upon by Pope Francis to unite as one Catholic family – to fill a world in need with the light of Christ’s hope and love.

The Diocese of Cheyenne’s main goal has always been to help its people walk closer with the Lord and Our Lady, to give us the strength and courage to continue our journey until it comes to the fullness of God’s kingdom.

That is why we are constantly working to connect all members of our Catholic family throughout the Diocese:

- **Through retreats**, *Diocesan masses and visits to local parishes*
- **Funding the formation of deacons** *who serve the less fortunate throughout the Diocese*
- **Supporting the formation of priests** *to share the word of Our Lord*
- **Nurturing vocations, marriage, family and youth ministry** – *so each person can grow in faith in whatever direction God calls them*

We are fortunate here in the Diocese of Cheyenne that we have our many priests and deacons; that we can celebrate Mass and the Sacraments; and that we can meet the needs of the poor, the sick, and the suffering through the many various ministries of the Church.

Fellow members of the Diocese, let us take this time during the Jubilee Year of Mercy to recall how much we have all been given through the grace of God and to, in turn, share His light with all of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the Heart of Christ,

*+ Paul D. Etienne*

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne,  
DD, STL, Bishop of Cheyenne

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# The Year of Mercy – 2016

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 2015  
– The Feast of Christ the King, 2016

DECEMBER 8, 2015 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016



# Your Diocese of Cheyenne



**21,100**  
FAMILIES



**37**  
PARISHES



**35**  
MISSIONS



**50**  
PRIESTS



**35**  
DEACONS



**30,000**  
MILES DRIVEN ACROSS  
THE DIOCESE EACH YEAR  
BY BISHOP ETIENNE

*"My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you..."*  
- Galatians 4:19



# Your Gifts Support Many Diocesan Programs

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Your gifts help gather young adults together from across the Diocese to reflect on the tasks that lead them to a personal relationship with Christ.

## FAMILY LIFE & VOCATIONS



Your generosity assists in building strong Catholic families, promotes prayer for vocations and encourages young people to pursue the call to religious life.

## STEWARDSHIP



Your light helps so many see that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, and helps us know God can never be outdone in generosity.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENTS



Your help promotes the full, active participation of God's people in the transforming and redeeming work of Christ in the liturgy and sacraments.

## NEW EVANGELIZATION



Your support invites all people in the Diocese of Cheyenne to "come and see," so we can all strengthen our relationships with Jesus Christ.

## CATECHESIS



Your love nurtures life-long faith formation experiences for all people in the Diocese of Cheyenne through well-trained parish catechists.



## Permanent Deacon Formation Program

Permanent Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way, but are not training to become priests, like Transitional Deacons.

Permanent Deacons assist in the celebration of the divine mysteries, bless and assist in marriages, proclaim the Gospel and preach, preside over funerals, and dedicate themselves to the various ministries of charity. They may not, however, give absolution or celebrate Mass.

### Our Permanent Deacon Formation Program

- The 2016 appeal will help fund our Diocese's Permanent Deacon Formation Program – a five-year program – beginning later this year.
- The Diocese of Cheyenne has begun a Year of Inquiry into the Diaconate, with a Year of Aspirancy to begin in September 2016 and Formation in September 2017.
- The ministry of the deacon is the ministry of charity. Deacons are called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless on behalf of the Church and within the Church.
- These men will be instrumental in helping the people of the Diocese to continue to grow in faith and holiness – drawing each one of us to identify more closely with Christ.

*“God’s love is meant to reach out to each and every person.”*

– Pope Francis, announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy

We are truly blessed to have been given so much here in the Diocese of Cheyenne. But there is always more we can do. There are so many hearts, minds and souls we can touch with God’s love.



## *How You Can Help Support Your Diocese*

**Make all checks payable to:** Diocese of Cheyenne

**Mailing Address:**

PO Box 1468  
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1468

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1.866.790.0014  
or 307.638.1530

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