



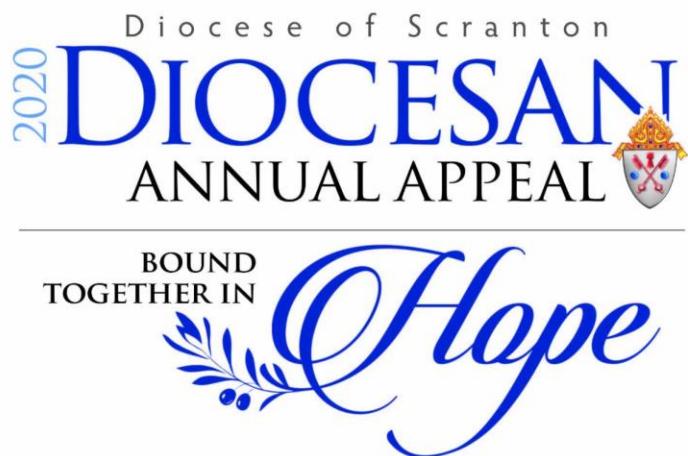
# The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

November 19, 2020

This weekend is Online Commitment Weekend  
for the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal



Parishioners and friends from across the 11-counties of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to make a gift to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal: *Bound Together in Hope* during Online Commitment Weekend, Nov. 21 and 22.

The Appeal Commitment Weekend online giving page is now up and running and donations are being accepted!

This two-day online event was developed to provide a safe opportunity to make an Appeal pledge since many parishes will not be conducting the traditional In-Pew Commitment Weekend collection at Mass this fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Appeal Online Commitment Weekend, people can make a gift on their parish team page that will be credited immediately to their parish's Annual Appeal goal.

**Donate Now to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal via the Commitment Weekend Giving Page!**

## Bishop Bambera to ordain eight Permanent Deacons



*Eugene N. Blockus*



*Joseph J. Chmiola*



*John C. Jorda*



*Peter J. Lemoncelli*



*Joseph R. Marcellus*



*Gerard P. Pernot*



*Angel Luis Rivera*



*Joseph Sudano*

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will preside as ordaining prelate and principal celebrant on Saturday, Nov. 28, for the ordination of eight men to the Diaconate for service as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Scranton. The Mass of Ordination is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the ordination Mass is by invitation-only. The Rite will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton as well as being available on all Diocesan social media platforms.

**[Read the Full Story with Profiles of the Deacon-Candidates](#)**



Northeastern Pennsylvania will soon be losing one of its oldest religious communities. Saint Gabriel's Monastery will close on Dec. 31, 2020, ending a 94-year presence by the Passionist Nuns in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Passionist Nuns established its Scranton-area community in 1926 and then moved to the Clarks Summit-area in 1970.

[Read the Full Story](#)



Best known for offering recreational and child care opportunities to kids in the Wyoming Valley for decades, the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre has taken on another critical mission in 2020.

Due to COVID-19, the CYC is now making sure at least 115 students get an education through its cyber-school program.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS REGISTRATION

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**DATES:** MONDAY, NOV. 16TH - FRIDAY, NOV. 20TH

**HOW:** ONLINE VIA GOOGLE FORMS  
([HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/HHDWT2QJXUBG72GM6](https://forms.gle/HHDWT2QJXUBG72GM6))

**NOTE:** PARENTS MUST UPLOAD PROOF OF ADDRESS, AS WELL AS AN INSURANCE CARD, REPORT CARD, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, OR SOME PROOF OF ID FOR EACH CHILD.

THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR SMART PHONE SHOULD CALL MARY HOEHING AT 570-207-2283 EXT. 2110 FOR ASSISTANCE.



## Registration underway for Christmas Gifts for Kids Program in the Scranton-area

Through generous donations from our community and in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Reserve 'Toys for Tots' program, the annual Christmas Gifts for Kids program helps provide toys to children in need within the communities of northeastern Pennsylvania. Registration for this program is required.

Link to Registration Form by Catholic Social Services and Friends of the Poor

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**BUILDS CONFIDENCE**  
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& CHANGES OUR LIVES FOREVER

## Today is National Principals Day!

The Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System is honoring its principals today, Nov. 19, in honor of National Principals Day.

All day on social media, our 18 principals are being recognized for the tireless work they do!

See How Our Diocesan  
Principals Are Being  
Recognized

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