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*11 October 2026 + Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*I want to alert you to a letter you should be receiving in the mail from the Diocese of La Crosse announcing the 2026-2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal, beginning next weekend, October 17/18. There will be a letter from Bishop Battersby thanking you for your past support, and outlining the goals for this coming year.*

*In addition to Bishop Battersby's letter, you will find an important letter from me. Please read it carefully. Now that our parish hall project is complete and the new addition to Boyd is rapidly progressing, our full efforts must be on the repayment of the loans the diocese granted us. The sooner we retire those loans the better. Many parishes in the diocese use the Diocesan Annual Appeal to be an annual parish appeal as well. The letter from me outlines the many advantages to this. In the past, we have simply tried to reach the annual appeal target from the diocese and promote our own capital improvement projects separately. It will benefit us greatly if we make this one appeal work, not only for the support of the diocese, but for the retirement of our loans as well. All contributions to the Diocesan Annual Appeal above our set goal, goes directly back to us and the repayment of our loans. This is why I am calling this the Diocesan/Parish Annual Appeal. I don't want to pester you with all kinds of extra collections. Let's do this well and get it done.*

*Thanks again to all who made our parish golf invitational for the support of our school so successful, the most successful so far! I give a special thanks to all who participated and promoted it, to our hole sponsors, and to all of our volunteers who worked. The weather held, and so a thanks to God for that. Enjoy the cooler weather and the beautiful colors. Let's hope we are given a long autumn before winter sets in.*

*Blessings and best wishes,*