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2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
COME, FOLLOW ME ... AND SHARE THE WORD

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to this edition of the Lumen Cordium magazine. This collection of articles and information represents a way to thank you for your generosity and to keep you informed about the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a way that you, as a disciple, can support the work of your parish, our Archdiocese and those afflicted by poverty throughout the world. Your support of the Appeal means so much to so many people. And you need to hear that clearly. The helping hand that you extend through your contributions assists parishes in need, Catholic schools, religious education programs, ministry formation and initiatives to eradicate violence and to foster justice, peace and respect for life. Through Catholic Relief Services, you extend help to those throughout the world whose lives are affected by diseases, natural disasters, wars and famines.

As we move forward with Renew My Church, we are trying to embrace a more deliberate and intentional life of discipleship. We want to follow Jesus and carry His Word and His healing to a waiting world. In other words, we want to be disciples who serve as Jesus served. Certainly, our kind compassion to others, our sharing of faith with them, and efforts to make the world more attuned to accomplishing the will of God—all these signal our commitment to follow Jesus. Along with these, our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is also an important expression of following Him.

Your generosity this past year has enabled us to raise $16.8 million in pledges with $15.4 million contributed to date. Over the past two decades, the Lumen Cordium Society has raised nearly $113.3 million. As your bishop and a fellow disciple, I commend you for doing what disciples do – supporting the good causes that bring others to Jesus.

Let me take this occasion to thank you for what you have done and what you will do to help the Church, a renewed Church, fulfill her mission. May the good Lord bless you and keep you and your loved ones in His life and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago
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A TRADITION OF GIVING
Shortly before his death in 1996, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin established the Lumen Cordium (Light of Hearts) Society in recognition of the women and men whose examples of stewardship stand as true testimonies to our faith, alive in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In 1997, soon to become Francis Cardinal George, OMI gave roots and inspiration to the fledgling Lumen Cordium Society. Under his guidance, the Society thrived and became the pre-eminent fundraising group for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In 2014, Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich was installed as Archbishop of Chicago and elevated to Cardinal-Archbishop in 2016. Confident that our sharing of Christ will bring a joy the world cannot take away, Cardinal Cupich looks forward to working together with the Lumen Cordium Society in a partnership of generosity to build vital, vibrant, life-giving communities of faith in our Archdiocese.

OUR MISSION
The Lumen Cordium Society recognizes the unique history, personality and strength of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It celebrates the inspired generosity and vision of both the laity and clergy that came before us, building hundreds of spires that reach to heaven throughout Cook and Lake Counties as testimony to their faith.

In the 21st century, the Society welcomes those who, like their ancestors, know in their hearts that they have a mission from birth to leave something that will live long after them as testimony to the faith and vision of these times.

Graced by the Gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ, the Society’s purpose is to establish a legacy of strengthening the faith and spiritual future of new generations of Jesus’ disciples.
WHO IS A BISHOP?

By Father Louis J. Cameli, S.T.D.

The recent ordination of three new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Bishop Mark Bartosic, Bishop Bob Casey and Bishop Ron Hicks, reminds all of us of the importance of bishops in the Catholic Church. At the same time, many people, including many Catholics, would be hard pressed to say exactly who a bishop is and what a bishop does.

We can easily slip into applying models from our secular experience to Church matters. So, we might think of a bishop as an executive or CEO – maybe even a branch manager responsible to the Pope. That sort of thinking would not be accurate. It is best to begin with a larger sense of the Church.

Our Catholic Church is a single reality that has both a spiritual and a structural dimension. It has an internal life directed by the Holy Spirit and an institutional structure to support its religious mission. Within that reality of Church, there are bishops who, as the original Greek word *episcopos* indicates, serve as overseers. They exercise a threefold ministry of Word, Sacrament and pastoral governance. They proclaim God’s Word by preaching, teaching and faithfully holding fast to the faith that comes to us from the Apostles. They celebrate the Sacraments and, along with their priest co-workers, bring the sanctifying presence of the Lord to his people. They exercise pastoral governance that involves both the administration of the Church’s structured life and holding up the perennial mission entrusted to it by the Lord before the entire Church.

When bishops authentically exercise their threefold ministry of Word, Sacrament and pastoral governance, they serve the unity of the Church. That means that they foster the unity of their local church or portion of God’s flock entrusted to them. It also means that they foster the unity and communion with other local churches and the universal Church, guided by the Petrine ministry of the Pope.

As you can easily see, a diocesan bishop, that is, a bishop responsible for a given local church or diocese, has great and multiple responsibilities. And those responsibilities grow in relationship to the size of the diocese. The Archdiocese of Chicago, for example, represents a very large diocese, one of the largest in the world.

To serve the Church well, the Archbishop of Chicago needs help. For that reason, the Holy Father gives him auxiliary or helper bishops who can assist him. The Archbishop, together with his auxiliary bishops, priests and deacons, can offer the people of God in Cook and Lake counties the ministry of Word, Sacrament and pastoral governance. They can foster the unity of this local church and insure that it is linked in a communion of faith, hope and love with other local churches and with the Church Universal.

It is essential to remember that the ordained ministry of bishops, priests and deacons does not exhaust all the ministry and leadership of the Church. In fact, ordained ministry – as the Second Vatican Council tells us very clearly – is ordered in a mutual relationship to all the baptized. In other words, those who are ordained are to enable and to encourage all the baptized to assume their responsibilities in the Church and in the world to bring the living Christ to all people and to make ready a path for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

When the entire Church harmoniously fosters the gifts of all who belong to the community of faith – the ordained and all the baptized – then that Church becomes a mirror of the most holy Trinity: a mystery of diversity and unity, an effective sign of what God wants for all humanity.

We began by considering bishops, but clearly we can never consider the bishops in isolation. They are – along with us – a part of God’s grand plan to bring new life in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to our world that is so much in need of healing redemption.

Father Louis J. Cameli, S.T.D. received his doctorate in theology in 1975 from the Gregorian University in Rome. He is the author of numerous books and articles. Father Cameli is the Cardinal’s Delegate for Christian Formation and Mission in the Archdiocese of Chicago.
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RESPONDS TO THE INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

When a devastating 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi on September 28, it triggered an unexpected 20-foot tsunami that hit the city of Palu and killed more than 1,900 people and left tens of thousands homeless.

The tsunami turned the land into liquid, with waves swamping buildings, demolishing houses and sinking roads. It left the Petobo neighborhood a pile of rubble and relief agencies, including Catholic Relief Services’ local partners Caritas Makassar and Muhammadiyah Disaster Management Center, have been digging through the silt – up to 20 feet deep in places – to do all they can to help. Entire neighborhoods were swept away.

The tsunami came ashore at Talise beach, now a scene of devastation. “All along the coast, you can see just how massive the tsunami was and the extent of the damage,” said CRS’s Fatwa Fadillah. “Body bags line the road and the smell is almost unbearable.”

Yenni Suryani, CRS’s country manager in Indonesia, recalled the region’s 2004 earthquake and tsunami. “One of the lessons we learned from that disaster was that it will take time to learn the full scope of the destruction,” she said, adding that because of the damage to the airport, accessing Palu and Donggala has been problematic.

Responders and local aid groups had to drive overland for 10-12 hours, causing bottlenecks for relief supplies. “Those hours of getting assistance to people who needed it were lost. I’m worried about people who might have been washed away. Several mosques, a shopping mall and many houses have collapsed. The impact is significant.”

The local CRS team is working closely with its Caritas partner, and additional teams have been deployed from around the world to assist with pipeline logistics, temporary shelter and relief supplies.

While survivors of the twin disasters are in desperate need of food, water and shelter – and being able to communicate with family – getting aid to Palu was slowed due to crippled and impassable roads, a lack of fuel and insecurity due to the mounting desperation. The death toll is expected to rise as responders reach more remote areas and dig through the rubble of toppled buildings.

CRS and its local partners have decades of experience responding to disasters in Indonesia, a country prone to earthquakes, and where a tsunami killed hundreds of thousands of people in 2004.

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as it works to alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

For more information, visit www.crs.org or www.cresespanol.org.
# How Your Gift Was Used

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal**

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**Total: $15,452,368**

This chart shows how your Annual Catholic Appeal funds were used in 2017 to support these many initiatives and programs.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been, or will be, used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.
I was introduced to the Helping Hands Committee at St. Francis as a way to return work for blessings received. From there, I volunteered for the Bereavement Committee, the Human Concerns Commission and the Parish Council, and I created the Catholic Charities at St. Francis Committee, for which Cardinal George presented to me the Bishop Quarter Award. Today, I coordinate the Art and Environment Committee.

As I served the Catholic Charities supplemental suppers, I was provided a front-row seat to the amazing work of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The volume of support offered to our Chicagoland community-in-need was heartwarming and gratifying. Through Catholic Charities, I became aware of the Annual Catholic Appeal, its mission and eventually the Lumen Cordium Society.

I am an interior decorator whose small office serves the metropolitan Chicago area. The design industry is rather insular – one could spend an entire career never venturing beyond its borders. I wondered then how to be of service? The Annual Catholic Appeal provided the answer.

Aligning myself with an organization so committed to addressing the underserved was an easy decision. Where else can I know that my dollars are well-managed, and that this mission to which a Catholic is called serves my brethren?

It is time to step up and shout allegiance to the good work of the Catholic Church, and I am pleased to support the wonderful outreach of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal and the Lumen Cordium Society, I believe we partner with our Church to serve the least among us. We participate in the mission of our Church and serve as Jesus has taught us: “That which you do unto the least of my brother … that you do unto me.”

Thank you for your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Now you, too, may walk in the shoes of Christ and be of service to those needing it most. It is our mandate, our obligation, our joy.

HOW BEST TO SERVE?
By debi Ross

I’ve been a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park for the last 22 years. This is not the parish of my youth, but the parish I chose. It is here that I found my passion for service, and for service within the Catholic Church.

INVEST IN KIDS
Thousands of students from low-income families have been awarded scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year through the Tax Credit Scholarship program. These scholarships were made possible by thousands of generous donors who contributed more than $42 million to the program. For their generosity, these donors received a 75 percent credit on their Illinois state income taxes. Approximately $31.5 million in credits have already been issued. As you review your end of the year giving, please consider contributing to the Tax Credit Scholarship.

A $5,000 donation carries a net cost of $1,250 to you and makes a profound difference in the life of a child seeking an excellent Catholic education.

For more information, visit www.archchicago.org/tcs or contact our team at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org.
COME, FOLLOW ME …
and share the Word

By Father Louis J. Cameli, S.T.D.
The theme for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal builds on and expands our theme from last year: Come, follow me. In this year of Luke’s Gospel, which is a Gospel that highlights evangelization, we reflect on how following Jesus means sharing his Word with others. We all have responsibility to share the Word to evangelize. But what exactly does that mean? And how does that make a difference?

Let me begin my reflections with a statement that might seem odd or eccentric. If I were God, I would do things differently. A personal story from my childhood will explain what I mean.

As a child, I clearly remember my parents’ words that would instantly make me very, very happy. It wasn’t a promise of candy or ice cream or some amusement. It was much simpler, and I can hear their words echoing in my head even now. They would say, “I might as well do it myself.”
If there was some task to be done, in exasperation they would say, “I might as well do it myself.” And there were multiple reasons for them to utter these words.

- “By the time I get you to do it, I might as well do it myself.”
- “By the time I show you what you have to do, I might as well do it myself.”
- “By the time I re-do what you haven’t done the right way, I might as well do it myself.”

And the reasons went on. What sweet words they were for me – “I might as well do it myself” – because they freed me to go and play and do whatever I wanted to do.

Now, back to God. If I were God, I would look at humanity and see the deepest needs that they have for healing and redemption. They need to be saved from sin and death that mark and weigh down the human condition. But, how shall they be redeemed?

If I were God and I looked at this needy humanity, I would also see people who seem so slow to listen and obey. I would see people who were reluctant to take a difficult step forward. I would see people who were unreliable. I would see people who – in short – would probably make a mess of things or a bad situation even worse. If I were God, I would probably say to myself, “I might as well do all this myself. Just by myself, I’ll straighten this out.”

Fortunately, I am not God, and this is not the way God acted for us. Of course, God took the initiative and sent his only-begotten Son among us, like us in all things but sin. His Son came proclaiming the coming of the Reign of God and calling us to a conversion of heart. The Son taught, healed and cast out evil spirits. In the end, he died for us and rose for us, so that “dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life.”

Now, interestingly and decisively, although God may have taken the initiative and came to our rescue with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he did not do it “all by himself.”

Look at all four Gospels, especially the beginning chapters. From the very beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, just as he starts to make his proclamation, he calls disciples to share in his ministry. Mark’s Gospel, for example, says that Jesus called his disciples “to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message and to have authority to cast out demons ...” (Mk 3:14) Jesus doesn’t do it “all by himself.” He invites disciples to join him, to work with him and to extend his mission into the world.

If we step back from this Gospel scene and consider its implications for us, we have to be moved by the divine summons that doesn’t just belong to that early band of disciples but belongs to us today, as well. We join him. We work with him. We extend his mission into the world. So, the theme of this Annual Catholic Appeal makes complete sense: If we are called to follow Jesus, we are called to share his Word with a waiting and needy world. Come, follow me ... and share the Word.

There are many ways that we share the Word. Sometimes, it is quietly done when we lead good lives or make difficult, but right decisions. Sometimes, it is an audible word that reminds people that they are in God’s hands and that they belong to a larger plan than what the present moment holds for them. Sometimes, it is the word of encouragement and hope in the midst of loss and grieving. We share the Word in many ways. And the Annual Catholic Appeal itself, which shares resources that enable people to be close to God and to each other – is a vehicle for our proclamation.

Thank God who has not said, “I might as well do it myself.” Thank God who, instead, has said, “Come, follow me and share with others the life-giving Word I give to you.”

“The Son taught, healed and cast out evil spirits. In the end, he died for us and rose for us, so that ‘dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life.’"
THREE NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS:
Continuing to minister, heal and lead as humble servants of the Lord

“Bravery and courage, compassion and affection, humility and an openness to being led – those are the qualities of a good shepherd,” said Cardinal Blase J. Cupich during the September 17 ordination of Auxiliary Bishops Mark Bartosic, Robert Casey and Ronald Hicks at Holy Name Cathedral. Citing Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich also said that a good shepherd must sometimes walk ahead of his sheep, sometimes walk among them and sometimes follow them.

The Mass was concelebrated by about 200 priests and 26 bishops, including Auxiliary Bishops Francis Kane and George Rassas, who are retiring. The three fold ministry of a bishop is to “proclaim the Word, tend the flock and mediate the presence of God’s holiness in our midst,” Cupich said.

The first reading for the Mass came from the Book of Wisdom, in which the writer pleads for prudence and the spirit of wisdom to come to him. To express that need for wisdom, Cupich asked all the bishops to kneel for the Litany of the Saints while the priests, deacons and laypeople in the congregation remained standing.

Cardinal Cupich joined the three bishops-elect in lying prostrate on the sanctuary floor while the congregation prayed for the saints’ intercession.

Before the litany, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, read the letters from Pope Francis that appointed the three men bishops. The new bishops then carried their letters throughout the congregation, promising their fidelity to the mission of the Church.

After the litany, Cardinal Cupich, his co-consecrators and all attending bishops laid their hands on the new bishops’ heads. That was followed by the prayer of consecration and the anointing of their heads with chrism, which is a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After being anointed, the new bishops received the symbols of their office: the ring, the miter, the Crosier, and the Book of the Gospels, which represents the bishops’ ministry of preaching and teaching.

Auxiliary Bishops Bartosic, Casey and Hicks met as seminarians and were each ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago after completing their studies at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in 1994.
Bishop Ronald Hicks: Service to orphans changed his life

When Bishop Ronald Hicks graduated from Quigley South in 1985, he did not immediately enter the seminary. Instead, he met Father Philip Cleary, a Chicago priest who was leading an orphanage for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos in Mexico. Hicks spent a year there, living with and caring for the children. It turned out to be a year that changed his life.

“Working with and being in solidarity with the poor – and also seeing people dedicated to this mission from the Church – shows how we are all part of God’s family, and we all walk together,” Hicks said.

When he returned to Chicago, he enrolled in Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1994. Hicks went on to serve as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish for two years and at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills for three. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered as the dean of formation at St. Joseph College Seminary – as the archdiocesan college seminary is now known – at Loyola University Chicago.

In 2005, Hicks returned to Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos as regional director for the organization’s Central American homes. They care for 3,400 orphans in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

When his five-year term there ended, Hicks returned to the seminary as dean of formation at Mundelein and celebrated weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in Rogers Park.

Cardinal Cupich appointed him vicar general for the archdiocese on Jan. 1, 2015, a post he continues to hold. Since becoming vicar general, he has made a practice of celebrating Mass in a different parish every weekend.

“I really want to grow in having a pastoral heart,” he said. “I want to truly make sure I am not separated from the people, but with them.”

Bishop Mark Bartosic: From actor to priest

After studying theater in college, Mark Bartosic moved to Chicago in 1983 from his hometown of Ashland, Ohio, to act in a Shakespearean theater company. But as he moved through his 20s, acting started to lose its charm and Bartosic began to explore the priesthood as a possible vocation. After speaking with the archdiocese, he told his family that he was going to enter the seminary.

“That was a big surprise to all of us,” said his mother, Joan, who was thrilled with his decision.

After Cardinal Joseph Bernardin ordained him a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1994, he was assigned to St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish. Then, beginning in 2001, he became pastor of St. Frances of Rome Parish in Cicero, Ill., and in 2009, he began serving concurrently as pastor of Cicero’s Our Lady of Charity Parish until 2016.

Bartosic recalls that ministering to Latinos, especially Latino immigrants, has been a highlight of his service. “I just can’t imagine my life without serving Latino immigrants,” he said.

In 2016, he became pastor of Assumption BVM, in Chicago, and director of the Kolbe House Jail Ministry, the Archdiocese’s jail ministry. This assignment allowed him to minister to detained people, victims of crime, people who work in corrections and families of detainees. “The assignment sounded important and challenging,” he said.

Now as a bishop, he becomes episcopal vicar for Vicariate II, which includes much of the city’s North Side and north suburbs.

Bartosic said that the outpouring of support from his brother priests has been overwhelming.

“You’re a bishop for your priests, and the priests take care of the people. That’s what excites me about becoming a bishop.”
Bishop Robert Casey: 
Call to priesthood came early

Bishop Robert Casey grew up the fourth of five children in Alsip, Ill., and graduated from Marist High School in 1985. While there, he first began to explore the idea of one day becoming a priest. On an Encounter school retreat, he was asked to write a letter to his parents about what possibilities he had for a vocation. He was considering the priesthood.

After high school, Casey went to Niles College of Loyola University and then on to the archdiocesan college seminary. It was there that he became certain the priesthood was his calling. “My parents always told us, you have to do what you are called to do. They really encouraged us all to be responsible and choose wisely.”

After Cardinal Joseph Bernardin ordained him a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1994, he became associate pastor at St. Ita Parish. In 1998, Cardinal George named him associate director of Casa Jesús, a house of discernment for Latin America men who were considering the priesthood. In 1999, Casey became the full-time director there.

In 2003, Casey spent 40 days walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (“The Way of Saint James”) in northwestern Spain to reassess and reaffirm his vocation. “I was part of this community as a pilgrim, and they affirmed my life choice,” he said.

When he returned to Chicago, he served as pastor of Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish in the Little Village neighborhood. Then, in 2008, he co-founded Taller de José, a sponsored ministry that offers accompaniment to people in need. The next year, he became pastor of St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield and, in 2016, he started serving as pastor of St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Chicago’s Scottsdale neighborhood.

Now as a bishop, he also is episcopal vicar for Vicariate III, which includes the Near West Side, and some Near North Side and Near South Side parishes.

“I enjoy being a pastor,” he said. “As a pastor, you walk with and care for your flock. As a bishop, the challenge will be to shift my focus a little bit. My flock will be the pastors who are under my care, and I will have to walk with and care for them and their flocks.”

The six regions of the Archdiocese of Chicago

**Vicar General**
Bishop Ronald Hicks

**Vicariate I**
Bishop Alberto Rojas

**Vicariate II**
Bishop Mark Bartosic

**Vicariate III**
Bishop Robert Casey

**Vicariate IV**
Bishop John Manz

**Vicariate V**
Bishop Andrew Wypych

**Vicariate VI**
Bishop Joseph Perry
Dr. John Linn, who was born in Peoria and raised in Milwaukee, comes from a large Catholic family whose faith is important. When he was a surgical intern at Northwestern Memorial Hospital 13 years ago, he met his future wife, Katie, a nurse there who had been raised in the Presbyterian faith. As they talked about their future together, Katie told John that she wanted to become a Catholic.

“John comes from a big Catholic family and I wanted to raise our children in the same faith. Our spiritual journey together has been great,” said Katie. John concurred and added, “As she went through Confirmation, it helped me have a better adult understanding of faith formation.”

The couple married at St. Mark Church in Peoria in 2008 – the same church where he was baptized. “John’s mother said that we’ve come full circle.” The young family settled six years ago in Chicago’s Sauganash neighborhood and sees Queen of All Saints Basilica as its center. All four of their children – Anthony “Ty,” 9, Patrick, 7 and twin 4-year-old girls Erin and Megan – attend Queen of All Saints School. “It’s been so rewarding going through first Communion and first reconciliation with them and watching them learn the morals and values they’ll need throughout life,” said Katie.

John says that while his wife views their children’s religious education with the utmost importance, he most values providing them with a faith-filled environment: “For me, it’s critical during their elementary school years that they learn about the sacraments, the religious traditions, and how to treat each other with respect and kindness.”

When the couple first joined their parish in 2012, they decided to become members of the Lumen Cordium Society after hearing Cardinal George’s first weekend appeal. They looked at all the areas the money supported and thought that the outreach the Archdiocese does through the Annual Catholic Appeal, regardless of race or religion, was most important. “The funds also help the neighborhood schools that need financial assistance,” he said.

In addition, the Linns became involved with Well of Mercy, which helps single mothers in need. “It’s a nice connection back to the support that the Archdiocese provides toward a social-justice outreach ministry. Our financial support helps serve people in greater ways,” John said.
SHARING THE WEALTH OF FAMILY, CHURCH AND BLESSINGS

Newlyweds Eulogio and Violeta Minon arrived in America from the Philippines separately – she in August 1977 and he in February 1978. The two met in nursing school and, after marrying in 1976, they were recruited here for work. They moved away from not only their families, but also everyone and everything they knew.

“We came with $20 in our pockets,” Eulogio said from their home in Buffalo Grove that they’ve lived in since 1987. While relocating was difficult, their church, their work, and their Catholic faith helped them settle in for a life that they describe as blessed.

“Through the Church, we belong to something important that is special in our daily lives,” Violeta said. “We were so young and naive when we arrived. I believe the Church has given us the power of prayer and that’s how we’ve survived throughout our lives.”

Married now for 42 years, the Minons’ two children, Eugene and Michelle, have blessed them with four loving grandchildren: Carter, 8, Lukas, 5 (Michelle and Charles Knudsen’s), and Ethan, 6, and Olivia, 3 (Eugene and Elizabeth’s).

Members of St. Mary Catholic Church in Buffalo Grove since 1987, both children attended Catholic elementary school and graduated high school from Loyola Academy. “We believe that a Catholic education is important,” Eulogio said. Their daughter’s two boys attend Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Academy.

Eulogio and Violeta have been members of the Lumen Cordium Society since 2011 and have been giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal since 1991.

“God provides for us and it’s our duty to give back for all his love and intercession,” Violeta said.

They also give to St. Mary and read through the mailings and letters to choose which missionaries to support. In addition, they also support the local Catholic Church in their Filipino hometown of Libertad.

“I’m blessed with a good husband, family and friends,” said Violeta. “I’ve experienced God’s miracles for our family, and because of that I promised that I would share any blessings.”

The Minons go to church every Sunday and Violeta loves saying the rosary, so they say it every evening. “We do that together and now when our grandchildren stay over, they say it with us. We tell them, ‘It’s rosary time.’ They learned how to kneel and pray.”

“We’re so thankful and feel so blessed,” said Eulogio, “and we want to share what we have.”
SEENING THE POSSIBILITIES ALL AROUND

When most people walk past a construction site and see a leftover slate tile or a knotty board on the ground, they walk over it. But Jean Morman Unsworth stops, marvels, examines and begins to see the possibilities.

At 93 years old, Jean Morman Unsworth has lived a full life. Born in Chicago in 1925, Jean entered the Sisters of Mercy at age 19 and stayed for 25 years. Primarily a sculptor, she took art classes at the School of the Art Institute and graduated from Xavier University. She later went on to earn an MFA at Notre Dame. An art teacher for many years at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School (formerly St. Xavier Academy), art fills her life.

In 1970, Jean’s life changed when she left the religious community to marry Tim Unsworth, then a member of the Christian Brothers of Ireland. “My late husband was a wonderful writer who wrote for the National Catholic Reporter,” Jean said from her North Side apartment overlooking the lake. A book of his most-read articles was published in 2008, the year he died.

“I’ve been alone since then, but I’m having a very good life. It’s full of art. And religion. The Church has always been a part of my life, and when I met Tim, our faith became its rhythm, the same way a rhythm carries music along. It’s just a part of who I am.”

A member of St. Clement Parish for 42 years, she has been a member of the Lumen Cordium Society since 2015. She attends all the Lumen events and has volunteered for years by reading to the blind.

About that board and piece of slate: “I’ve never found a material that I didn’t like to sculpt – wood, stone, marble, clay, metal. I enjoy seeing the possibilities in found materials. One of my students once brought me a slate tile leftover from a home addition. I carved a little bit and found a form in it, ‘Agony in the Garden.’

“Another time Mother McAuley was adding a room and every night when the workmen left, I’d scavenge whatever they were throwing away,” she continued. “I noticed a piece of wood that had a rip around a knothole. There I saw a sacred heart. I carved it and created a block print from it.”

Today, at 93, Jean Mormon Unsworth continues to be inspired, through art and religion, to see the possibilities all around.
WHAT IS THE LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY?

THE LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY is a special alliance of Catholic men and women who take a leadership role in the work of the Church. As a member, your generosity will set an example of good stewardship as you reach out with love to people and ministries in need of your assistance. While the satisfaction derived from advancing the mission of the Church in Chicago is the greatest reward, the benefits described below are intended to convey Cardinal Cupich’s gratitude for your support.

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO is introducing more ways for us to recognize our generous donors who support the work of the Church.

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LUMEN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY
Cumulative Lifetime Giving over $100,000

The Lumen Leadership Society honors families and individuals who have made cumulative lifetime gifts totaling $100,000 or more through the Annual Catholic Appeal or the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign.

Members of the Lumen Leadership Society are among the most generous and dedicated benefactors to the Church in Cook and Lake counties. Members will receive recognition and invitations to special events.

LUMEN LOYALISTS
Loyal support to the Annual Catholic Appeal

Every year, thousands of generous supporters make a gift to support the work of the Church through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We would like to highlight those who have made gifts of $300 or more to the Appeal every year for 10 years in a special way.

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Planned Gifts to parishes, schools and ministries of the Archdiocese

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— Dawn Fitzpatrick, Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity

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