



DIocese OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 18, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled for the weekend of April 24-25. Catholic Home Missions is committed to providing poorer dioceses in the United States such as ours with the support they need to sustain essential pastoral care. If you have visited the rural areas of Wisconsin and driven through its scattered small towns, you have been in mission territory. The little brick or clapboard churches you see along the way, housing pockets of Catholic faithful with no resident priest, are the home missions.

Over the years, the Appeal has supported religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education, and ministry training in mission dioceses in Alaska, Appalachia, the Southwest – all across the United States – as well as in Puerto Rico and U.S. territories in the Pacific islands.

Last year, thanks to our collection efforts, we received the good news that the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions awarded the Diocese of Superior \$70,000 for our Lay Ministry Formation Program.

This important work is made possible through your generosity to this annual Appeal. I ask that you be generous in this year's Appeal. As we continue to recover from the economic downturn, it is important to remember our Catholic brothers and sisters in the United States whose dioceses are financially fragile even in the best of times. The Church in the United States needs our support. Together, we can strengthen the Church at home.

Please know that no gift is too small, and that it will be multiplied through the yearly grant that our diocese receives each year. Thanking you for your life of stewardship and faith,

I remain gratefully yours in Christ,

Bishop Peter Christensen

Bishop's letter to be printed in the parish bulletin or read from the pulpit on April 18, 2010 and will be published in the Catholic Herald on April 22, 2010.