



DIocese of Superior Office of the Bishop

June 13, 2010

To the People of God of the Diocese of Superior
My dear friends in Christ,

On the weekend of June 19 & 20, 2010 I am asking Christ's faithful of the Diocese of Superior to respond generously to the four causes of our annual National Concern Collection. Your generosity and prayers will help bring about Christ's mission here across the nation as well as our local church, the Diocese of Superior.

Despite the unparalleled generosity of Catholics to the Retirement Fund for Religious, the needs of elder religious remain profound. Rising healthcare expenses, decreased income, and losses in savings and investments make it difficult for religious institutes to furnish adequate care for senior members. The fund offers financial assistance and services that help religious institutes provide for aging members while continuing to focus on mission and ministry.

For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the diocese. Among the local groups receiving support in recent years to address the root causes of poverty has been our own Catholic Charities Bureau.

The Catholic Communication Campaign funds local, national and international Catholic media projects—creating a community of faith, connecting the Church globally and reaching out to all Catholics through modern media sources. Fifty percent of the collection supports local communications efforts.

Located in Washington, D.C., is The Catholic University of America. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The CUA collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education in over 50 disciplines.

I understand that times are challenging and many of you face increased financial burdens. I ask you simply to let your own light shine and give what you can. Most importantly, please pray that we are able to ensure a vibrant Catholic Church well into the future.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen
Bishop of Superior

This letter may be used with your parish bulletin or read from the pulpit at all Masses. It will also appear in the June 17, 2010 issue of the Catholic Herald.