My Dear Friends in Christ,

I can hardly believe it has been over two years since we began our feasibility study seeking your feedback and to determine a realistic goal for our Faith in Our Future Campaign. Today, with your help, we know that the Campaign has been a resounding success as we have well surpassed our $16 million goal. I am so pleased that already over 40% of the pledges have been paid and many of our parishes and schools can move forward with their projects. It brings me great joy to see the fruits of your Stewardship commitment coming to fruition. The Church in Northern Wisconsin is alive with faith and activity that is helping us to remember our past and prepare for our future. To all who have supported this historic effort through contributions of time, talent and treasure, I offer my personal prayers of thanksgiving! With your help we have met our goal - so I remain gratefully yours,

Most Rev. Peter Christensen
Bishop of Superior

Historic Preservation
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Superior

St. Francis Xavier is one of the first parishes in the Diocese of Superior. Founded in 1854 by the future Bishop Baraga, a candidate for sainthood, the current church building dates back to 1893 when the foundation was laid. After a successful campaign that continued into the new year, the parish raised the funds to replace many of the windows in the office and religious education section of the building that have deteriorated over time. The parish will also be adding new carpeting in the church sanctuary.

Campaign Update
The “Big Picture” Totals
As of March 17, 2014
Total Pledged: $16,284,508.00

| Total Pledged | $16,284,508.00 |
| Percent of Goal | 102% |
| Amount Collected | $6,852,110.00 |
| Percent Collected | 42% |
| Number of Responses | 9,038 |
Endowing Our Future
The Mission Diocese Fund

The Faith in Our Future Campaign has helped to create two $4 million restricted Endowment Funds: The Saint Augustine Fund for Seminarian Support to help meet the costs of providing for our current and future seminarians, and a fund to help supplement the costs of Medical Expenses of Our Retired Priests.

On the advice of the Mission Bishop’s in 2008, Catholic Extension has formed a pooled investment fund on behalf of the Mission Dioceses, named the Mission Diocese Fund.

The Fund applies the USCCB Socially Responsible Investing guidelines in its investment decisions.

The Funds investment consultant, Cambridge Associates, has a long and successful track record of advising large endowments on asset allocation strategies that allow portfolios to grow over the long-term while providing income to fund mission objectives. The firm grew out of a project undertaken for Harvard University and now include client institutions such Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Princeton, USC, Stanford, and Yale.

Preserving A Legacy of Faith
Good Shepherd, Rib Lake

In 2005, three area churches merged from the towns of Chelsea, Westboro and Rib Lake, and the new faith community of Good Shepherd was formed. The parish campaign funds will be used for new stained glass church windows which are to be installed next summer. In the new window designs, the parish will be incorporating the patron saints from the previous parishes (Assumption of the BVM, St. Therese of Avila and St. John the Baptist), as well as the Good Shepherd Himself. The parish is also incorporating the stained glass Stations of the Cross from St. Theresa in Westboro in a section of the window design. The new windows will proclaim their faith legacy.
Funding for Repairs
St. Anthony Parish, Highbridge

St. Anthony’s was able to complete their major goal of reroofing the church. Included in the project was a new roof over the handicap ramp, new soffit and fascia, repaint the windows trim and touch up the siding. During the project it was discovered that there was damage to the existing roof and some of the wood had to be replaced, this added to the cost of the project. With the money received from the Faith in Our Future Campaign and a generous donation from a member of the parish we were able complete the project. The next project is to water proof the basement. Additional Fundraising projects, coupled with the funds received from the Faith in Our Future Campaign, will enable the parish to have the work done this summer.

Early Success Provides Momentum!
St. Joseph Parish, Rice Lake

St. Joseph’s faith community was one of the early success stories of the Faith in Our Future Campaign. By quickly making goal, it helped many parishes that followed to believe it can be done in any parish community.

“Many people came into the parish office and met with Fr. Jim Powers or myself,” said Deb Marcellus, Director of Development. “We welcomed their questions and opinions. It was a great experience for me to share one on one with parishioners about St. Joseph Church, the Diocese of Superior, priests, and our schools.”

Any funding for the school will be put into the endowment fund. Money for the parish will be put in savings for future project needs approved by the Parish Council and Bishop.

Partnering For Success! Your timely pledge payments enable us to provide the necessary funding to parishes, schools and endowments. Should you have any questions or wish to add to your pledge, please contact Cathy Lovejoy at 715/394-0226 or e-mail at clovejoy@catholicdos.org.
Do you want to help continue the work of the Church and are seeking other ways to give? Try our resource for all charitable gift planning at catholicdos.org

It's no secret that the ministries of Diocese of Superior depend upon your goodwill. We've created this easy-to-understand website to help you dream a little about our future and yours. There are many easy giving options from which you can choose, strategies that enhance your personal well being as well as the Diocese of Superior. If you're not sure where to begin, try our Build Your Gift planner. By answering a few basic questions, this interactive tool walks you through the process of narrowing down your choices. It's fun and easy to use! If you already have gift options in mind, click on Compare Gifts to see how your choices match up or click one Brochures to request specific information on a planning option. If you get lost, rest assured that we're always here to help. Simply contact Steven P. Tarnowski, MA at 715-394-0223 or starnowski@catholicdos.org with any questions or for a personal visit to talk about options and strategies.

Happy Dreaming!

Help Us Tell YOUR “Faith in Our Future” Parish Community Story!