



CATHOLIC  
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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Our annual National Concern Collection this year takes place on the weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018 providing funding for five Catholic initiatives that touch the faithful of Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States. Your generosity and prayers support the following appeals:

**The Catholic Communication Campaign** focuses on finding new ways to deliver the gospel message to people in today's digital age - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for sharing of the faith. Fifty percent of the collection supports local communications efforts. Recently our Catholic Schools each received \$1,000 to help fund local marketing programs.

**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, working via the Diocesan Department of Stewardship and Development, provides national grants that make a difference in low income communities to fund programs addressing the very root causes of poverty.

**The National Retirement Fund for Religious** maintains vital funding for our sisters and all religious institutes in need. Today many senior religious continue to manifest God's love and generosity by serving in a wide range of volunteer activities.

**The Catholic University of America**, located in Washington, D.C., offers students an excellent education in a faith filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

**The Archdiocese for the Military Services** is a newly funded initiative to grant support for this Church ministry that provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care of almost two million Catholics serving in the armed forces.

Again this year I ask that you consider giving what you can and to pray for a vibrant Church.

Thanking you for your gift of stewardship and faith, I am

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior