



DIOCESE of LACROSSE

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Dear <<Salutation>>,

May the Lord give you Peace!

Our highly anticipated Diocesan Sesquicentennial celebration begins next March. There is so much to look forward to, and I am inviting you to look ahead and consider sharing in the opportunities in your area that will launch us into the next age of our encounter with faith and works in our beloved Diocese.

As we approach our Sesquicentennial, I would enjoy having you take a moment to reflect on those who came before us, their sacrifices, their pains, their joys, and most especially their hopes and dreams for a usable and viable future. As our Holy Father Pope Francis recently noted, “the future has a name, and its name is Hope. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that does not dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow.” When you give to the Diocesan Annual Appeal –*Stewards of Hope*—your prayers and financial gifts enable us to support many charitable, pastoral, and educational works that extends a hand to lift our brothers and sisters up, so they too can see the vision of hope for tomorrow.

I am truly grateful for your past support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal of, <<Lastgiftamount>>. I sincerely hope that you will participate again in this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal-*Stewards of Hope*. Your sacrificial gift helps support 38 ministries in our diocese and greater Church. Ministerial works of faith provide incredible acts of mercy, inspiring a hope-filled tomorrow for our brothers and sisters in Christ. As His disciples, Jesus Christ, commands us all to be *Stewards of Hope* but without your help, the work of our diocese the work of the greater Church to fulfill that mission diminishes.

Thank you for your generous spirit. May God reward you and bless you and your family.