



DIocese of LACROSSE

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Dear <<Salutation>>,

May the Lord give you Peace!

While the festivities celebrating our Diocesan Sesquicentennial celebration have come to a close, there is still so much to look forward to in the coming days and weeks. I, for one, am certainly looking forward to you joining me in the stewardship of time, talents, and treasures that will highlight the promotion of Christ for future generations and charitable works in our Diocese.

Taking a moment to reflect on those who came before us, their sacrifices, their pains, their joys, and most especially their labors, hopes, and dreams for a good and viable future, I am consistently awestruck by the beautiful life of our parish communities. We Catholics do make a difference in the communities we serve, very much like our Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski. His faith, his works, and his hopes changed the communities in the faraway lands of Bolivia and Peru. When you invest in the Diocesan Annual Appeal –*Endurance in Hope*—your prayers and financial gifts enable our Diocese to continue its missionary zeal through many charitable, pastoral, and educational works we do in our local and global communities.

I am grateful for your past investment in the Diocesan Annual Appeal, and I sincerely hope that you will reinvest in this year's Appeal-*Endurance in Hope*. Your sacrificial gift endows 38 ministries in our Diocese and the wider Church. Your ministerial works of faith provide incredible acts of mercy and inspire a hope-filled tomorrow in our brothers and sisters in Christ. As His disciples, Jesus Christ instructs us all to work in Faith, labor in Love, and endure in Hope. Thus, we will fulfill His mission for the Church in our Diocese and beyond.

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