My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the final year in pledge fulfillment of the most successful and ambitious capital campaign in the history of the Diocese of Superior, I give my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have put your faith in action. Over the past several years, the historic Faith in Our Future Campaign has positively transformed parish communities all across northern Wisconsin as we have well surpassed our $16 million goal. I am so pleased that over 83% of the pledges are paid to-date. This conscientious commitment has allowed our parishes and schools to promptly move forward with so many diverse projects. The Church in Northern Wisconsin is truly alive with faith and activity that is helping us to remember our past and prepare for our future. The apostle Paul said, “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” To all who have supported this historic effort through contributions of time, talent and treasure, I offer my personal prayers of thanksgiving!

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior

Building Enhancement
St. Therese of Lisieux, Phillips

The parish community of St. Therese of Lisieux has received many rebate checks from the Faith in Our Future Campaign. They deposited the funds into a building fund to help complete a canopy for the new office and classroom addition. The completion of the canopy will provide assistance for handicapped people and cover for all in inclement, northern Wisconsin weather.

Campaign Update
The “Big Picture” Totals
As of November 2016
Total Pledged: $17,774,315.15

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Amount Collected  $14,809,817.49
Percent Collected  83%
Amount Rebated to Parishes  $2,663,710.38
Number of Responses  9,615
Endowing Our Future

The Mission Diocese Fund

The Faith in Our Future Campaign has helped to create two $3-plus million dollar 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 Bishops 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 includes client institutions such Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Princeton, USC, Stanford, and Yale.

Upgrading Church Grounds

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Crescent Lake

In 2015 Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary parish began a project to provide a new parking area to the lower level. This provided parishioners with two handicap parking stalls and two regular stalls. The project was completed in the Spring of 2016 with the addition of a new walkway from the upper church level to the lower level. It replaced a jagged old rough concrete walk which leads to our main church entry.

The project required excavating and building a retaining wall for the parking area along with safety fencing above the retaining wall and hand rails along the walkway.

Thanks to all for their Faith in Our Future donations of finances and time and talents which helped us complete this project.
A Long Awaited Project
Holy Family Parish, Bayfield

Holy Family Church in Bayfield utilized its Faith in Our Future rebate to put a much needed new coat of paint on the parish social hall and kitchen floors. The parish hall is the location for funeral lunches, social events and the famous Holy Family fish fries held each winter. The rebate covered the cost of the materials and labor to complete this long awaited project.

Enhancing Parish Social Space
St. Joseph Parish, Barron
St. John the Baptist, Prentice

Council of Catholic Women representatives, Mary Haas and Anne Stephens (above) are excited to be discussing the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator at St. Joseph parish in Barron. The women’s group has been working hard to support updating their galley. The rebates have helped make the project a reality.

St. John the Baptist in Prentice (above) is using their money on a kitchen remodeling project featuring new cabinets.

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 grow our Seminarian Support Fund and are seeking other ways to make a charitable gift? Try our resource for all charitable gift planning at catholicdos.planmylegacy.org

The Faith in Our Future Campaign has created The Saint Augustine Fund for Seminarian Support to meet the costs of providing for our current and future seminarians. This fund will continue to grow through donor support long after the last pledges for the campaign are paid. The Saint Augustine Fund is an opportunity for you to continue your good will and financial stewardship for this vital ministry of our Local Church. Giving through Transfer of Stock is a popular way to give, especially at year’s end. There are many easy giving options and strategies that enhance your personal well being as well. 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 all free, and easy to use! If you already have gift options in mind, click on Compare Gifts or click on Brochures to request specific information on a planning option. Simply contact Steven Tarnowski, MA at 715-394-0223 or starnowski@catholicdos.org.