

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

Global Solidarity Sunday
March 25-26



“For God so loved
the world....”

- About 1.345 billion poor people in developing countries live on \$1.25 a day or less. Almost half the world – over three billion people – live on less than \$2.50 a day. At least 80 percent of people live on less than \$10 a day. (*World Bank*)
- One in eight people throughout the world suffer from chronic undernourishment. About 852 million hungry people live in developing countries, representing 15 percent of those countries' population. Sixteen million people are undernourished in developed countries. (*UN food and Agriculture Organization*)
- More than 80 percent of the world's population lives in countries where income differentials are widening. The poorest 40 percent of the world's population accounts for five percent of global income. The richest 20 percent accounts for three-quarters of world income. (*United Nations Development Programme*)
- More than 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. (*UNICEF*)

We offer special prayers and support for our brothers and sisters all over the world on Global Solidarity Sunday. Envelopes will be available through next weekend for donations to four global priorities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that include Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. Thank you.

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**Including St. Wenceslaus &
The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica**

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We welcome you...

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

At the Church of St. Wenceslaus**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE**Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 5:00 pm

Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Word & Communion

Monday & Tuesday 8:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION**Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

Confirmation

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 pm in the church.

Baptism

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

Marriage

Six months to one year preparation time required.

Call 952-758-3225

Rosary

Monday – Friday 7:30 am & Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

Adoration

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

Early Morning Scripture Study

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study

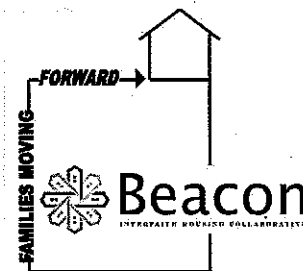
Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

Prayer Chain

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

From the Desk of Mary Higgins**How is your Lent going?**

Are you finding ways to incorporate the three traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving into your days? These are good practices all year round, in fact, but sometimes they can seem like the same old thing.



Because we care

How about some fresh ideas?

Pray for the homeless, especially those families who will be coming to New Prague on Easter Sunday afternoon to spend two weeks at Hope House, that they will be able to find affordable housing and stability in their lives.

Fast from a few hours of your free time to spend time with the families, for an evening, overnight, or on a Saturday. Trainings for first time volunteers will be offered April 1st and 6th. (see below)

Give alms by donating food and household items needed during the hosting weeks.

Hope House opened its doors in June of 2014 and, in that time, our New Prague area congregations have served an estimated 51 families with 212 children. Our volunteers and donors have been gracious and generous. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers.

Hope House Opening Doors Again

- Homeless families with children will receive a warm welcome, meals, and overnight accommodations at Hope House, April 16-30. Watch for Sign Up Genius next week if you have volunteered in the past.
- New volunteer training will be held Sat., April 1st (9-10:30 am) or Thurs., April 6th (6:30-8:00 pm) at Hope House, 305 Columbus Ave N. Contact Julie Huddock at (952) 994-5382 or juliehuddock@yahoo.com to register.
- If you would like to provide a meal, contact Ruth Dols at (952) 758-2050.
- To contribute needed items, go to signupgenius.com and Find a Sign Up. Enter this email address: hopehousefmf@gmail.com to find a list of needed items, which can be dropped off as indicated on the Sign Up. Call Beth Vander Heiden at (952) 378-7905 if you need help.
- If you would like to join the clean-up crew to clean house or do laundry, contact Mary Eagen at (952) 758-3810.

Groups Can Volunteer at Hope House

Service and professional organizations, scout and church groups are invited to spend time with our Hope House guests by providing and serving a meal or planning an activity to do with them some evening or on a weekend. Contact Mary Higgins at (952) 758-0464 for more information.

Western Catholic Community

From the Desk of Father Dave

We Should All Get Cleaned Up

Have you ever seen someone dressed up that you don't normally see dressed up? Sometimes people say to them, "You clean up pretty good." There is a laugh there, but there is a positive about trying to look nice. To wear nice clothes and use good hygiene can often put us in a better mood. Often we get cleaned up for a purpose, like a wedding, a concert, or perhaps for church. The exterior can shape our interior disposition.

What is even more important is to be cleaned up on the inside. Sometimes we make a big mistake and it can really affect us deeply. This is a great time to use the sacrament of reconciliation. One doesn't have to bear the burden of sin any longer. We have a chance to be renewed and brought back into the community. To get right with God can be remarkable. To hear we are forgiven from a priest can feed the tired soul. We can be made clean once again.

Sometimes you hear people say that they haven't done anything majorly wrong and they don't need to go to reconciliation. Sometimes we just need to go to the sacrament to get rid of any sin that we fall into on a regular basis. It could be something small, but if it controls who we are and how we treat people, it may be good to get spiritual relief for it. I once heard someone say they like to keep in the practice of reconciliation, so that when something painful happens you can more easily make use of a sacrament that is meant to bring us closer to the community.

Each week in NPACC you can receive the sacrament on Wednesday 5:30 pm at St. John, Thursday 5:30 pm at St. Scholastica, and Saturday 4 pm at St. Wenceslaus. For Lent we are having Penitential Services on Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 pm and Saturday, April 8th at 11 am. These will be Word services with individual confessions offered afterwards. Monday, April 10th at 6:30 pm there will be individual confessions at St. John. There will also be a Holy Hour with confessions Tuesday, April 11th 6:30 pm at St. Scholastica.

Fr. Dave Barrett

Regional Associate Pastor

New Prague Area Catholic Community

Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

April 1 & 2, 2017	Saturday St. John's 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
Lector	MaryCarol Wolf	Megan Odenthal	Kaylynn Solheid
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Weiers	Cindy Jirak, Kevin Odenthal & Ted Odenthal	Jill Holden, Lori Wooten & Amy Lemke
Servers	Mitchel & Hunter Pomije	Sarah Colwell & Leo Pexa	Danielle, Brenna & Samantha Solheid, Anna Holden
Gift Bearer Family		Don Schoenecker Family	Rich Novak Family

Important Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....	8:15 pm	St. John's
Sunday.....	8:00 am	St. Scholastica
Sunday.....	10:00 am	St. John's

Weekday Masses

Wednesday.....	5:00 pm	St. John's
Thursday.....	5:00 pm	St. Scholastica

SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Wednesday.....	5:30 pm	St. John's
Thursday.....	5:30 pm	St. Scholastica

Baptism & Confirmation

Preparation required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Anointing of the Sick

Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Marriage

Prep required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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PARISH AND AREA NEWS

Lenten Conversations

Join Fr. Dave during Lent for conversations about the impact of prayer in our lives:

Tues., March 28th ~ Reconciliation

Tues., April 4th ~ The Mass

All sessions run from 6:30-8 pm. March Conversations will be in the parish house at St. John. The April 4th Conversation will take place at St. Scholastica Church.

New Prague Area Catholic Community's Stations of the Cross

St. John: Wed. Evenings ~ March 29, April 12 @ 6:30 pm

St. Wenceslaus: Fri. Mornings ~ March 31,
April 7 @ 8:30 am

St. Wenceslaus: Fri. Evenings ~ March 31 &
April 7 @ 7 pm

Lenten Women's Reprieve

Join us for a Lenten Women's Reprieve, Sun., March 26th, at 7 pm in the St. Wenceslaus Chapel. Breath is crucial to our existence. When it is present, it comes with hope, opportunity, and potential. When that breath is the very breath of God, something even greater happens. Come realize the power of your existence.

Living the Gospel

What does the life of a disciple look like? What are disciples called to do and be? This is the fourth in the series, "Living as a Disciple." Mon., March 27th, 6:30-8 pm, PAC chapel.

Want to See DC?

Here's your chance! Plans are now being made to take a group from the parish to see our nation's capital August 9-12, 2017. There will be an informational meeting on Mon., March 27th at 7 pm in the church basement. The group will be led by Jamie Schoenbauer and Becky Zwirner.

Bridging the Red/Blue Divide

Thurs., March 30th, 6:30-8 pm

How can we deal in a positive way with the polarization that has impacted families, friends, and work relationships? Meet in the PAC chapel.

St. Wenceslaus Adult Discussion Group

For Lent, the Adult Discussion Group will meet at 6 pm at the Parish House every Sunday through and including April 9th. The topic is "The Gospel of Matthew". As always, reading the material in advance is not necessary to attend and participate. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your Bible; bring a friend. If anyone has any questions, please give Dave or Susan Karan a call at (952) 461-3067.

Last Week for the March Food Drive!

Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state and relies on the generosity of congregations like ours to be the heart of the campaign. All monetary and food donations go directly to Peace

Center Food Shelf to help those in need in our community. Please consider donating. There is a collection box at the back of the church. Peace Center is in need of many items including: seasonings/spices, canned meat and fruit (mixed fruit, pineapple), condiments (mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup), salad dressing, and peanut butter.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fri., April 7th 4:30-7:30 pm at the New Prague KC Hall Sponsored by the New Prague Knights of Columbus. All you can eat Fried or Baked Fish, French fries, potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, bread, desserts, milk, and coffee. Adults \$12, Kids 6-12 \$6, and children under 5 free. Takeouts are available.

First Eucharist Retreat Volunteers Needed

We are in need of some adult or mature teen volunteers to help on Saturday morning, April 8th from 8:30-12:30. It is our First Eucharist retreat and we need some help running the various stations that they will be traveling to throughout the morning. Contact Elaine.harty@swsaints.org to help out. Thank you!

How are you answering His call to be a disciple?

An opportunity for discipleship has come your way! Sacristans are needed for Sunday Masses. Anyone interested in discussing the duties and responsibilities of this important ministry are invited to contact Karen Rauschke at (952) 457-2730. Volunteer and experience setting the Lord's Table!



St. Mary's CCW Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon

Thurs., March 30th 11 am-12:30 pm. Craft, bake, and quilt sale. Adults \$7, Children \$1. For take-outs and free in-town (Le Center) delivery, call (507) 357-4838.

All You Can Eat Fish Fry

St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake

Fri., March 31st ~ 5-8 pm

Serving Cod ~ deep fried or baked, French fries & au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, beans, bread & rolls, macaroni & cheese, bars, and beverage. Take-out meals available. Adults \$12, ages 4-12 \$5, 3 & under free.

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This week we thank

WORNSON GOGGINS

MOVING FORWARD

Hope United Grief Group Spring Retreat for Loss of Spouse/Significant Other ~ March 31st, 2017 ~ April 2nd (Beginning Fri. 7 pm through Sun. 11 am)



Interdenominational Retreat ~

St. Teresa Campus, Winona, MN

Main Speakers with breakout sessions with facilitators that have experienced the loss of a spouse.

Keynote Speaker: Corrine Kindschy, Widow and Certified Spiritual Director

For more information contact Marlene Hunt at (507) 381-1177 or email marlenehunt53@gmail.com
Facebook Page: Hope United Grief Group

Men's Conference

Super Saturday and Sunday with Sean Forest!

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Oak Grove, MN

Get in the Game ~ Sat., April 1st Men's Conference
8 am-1 pm

Sean will powerfully share his personal experiences as a man, husband, and father working to lead his family in faith to "coach" the men on how to "Get in the Game" and stay in the game as an MVP for his family and friends! FOR ALL MEN 16+. 8 am: Mass followed by a continental breakfast; 9 am: Conference; Noon: Lunch catered by Acapulco AND cerveza! Register online at st-patricks.org. 21 and older ~ \$35, Age 16-20 ~ \$20. Registrations accepted at the door (\$40/\$25).

Encounter ~ Sun., April 2nd Parish Event 5-8 pm

"Willing to lose it all..."

Getting caught up in the momentum of the world? Losing precious time with family and God? Get ideas and inspiration about how to surrender the worldly and seek the heavenly.

5-8 pm: Presentation, Adoration, and Social Hour. No registration required. Free-will offering.



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Get ready to s-t-r-e-t-c-h!

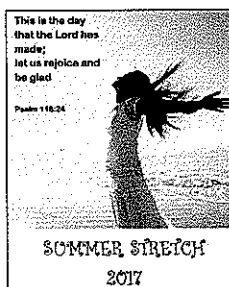
Who: All youth who are entering 6, 7, or 8 grade in the fall of 2017

What: Summer Stretch is a dynamic gospel centered 6-Week youth ministry program that combines faith and fun for students entering grades 6-8 in the fall of 2017. These days of serving, playing, and praying are led by teens entering grades 9-12 grade fall of 2017.

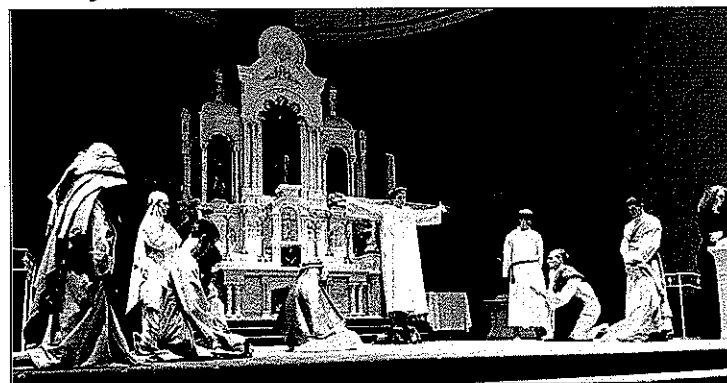
When: Thursdays ~ June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3 (Valley Fair) 8 am-4:30 pm.

Where: The adventure begins at St. Wenceslaus ~ destinations vary.

New this year! In the past those entering 9th grade have either been too old to participate in Summer Stretch or too young to be a youth leader. This year we are happy to announce that there will be an opportunity



for youth entering 9th grade to become Leaders in Training! Contact Pamela Sherlock for more information.

Were you there...?**SCHOOL NEWS from SWS****School Happenings:**

Registration is now open for K-8 students.

SWS Silent and Live Auction

Appetizers and a full Bavarian Dinner catered by George Kukacka of Lakeside Supper Club, German beverages, music by Crazy George the Accordion Man during the social hour, dinner music provided by concertina player, SWS student Colton Tupy, after dinner dance to the famous New Prague Revival Band. Check out the event website to register and to see some of the live auction items up for bid or call the school office for more details. <https://saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/AStarryNightinGermany>

WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY St. John's & St. Scholastica

Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting

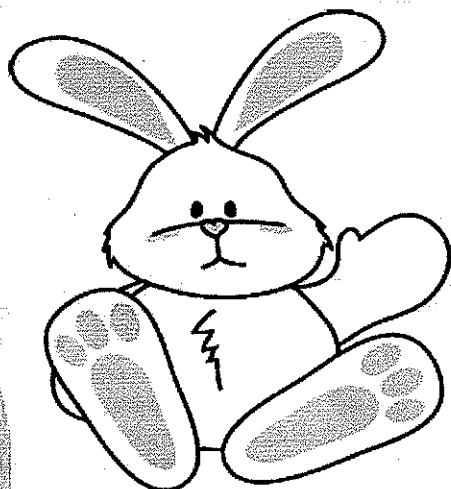
Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women's meeting is Mon., April 2nd at St. Johns' School basement. Rosary starts at 6:45 with lunch at 7 pm. **ALL** women of the parish are welcome! The lunch committee is Sheri Odenthal, Millie Odenthal, Amy Glisczynski, Mari Estabrooks, and Amy Lemke.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

The Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sun., April 9th at the St. Scholastica Church basement. The committee is as follows: Chairs: Ken & Linda Brooks, Co-Chairs: Vern & Judy Pauly. The rest of the committee is: Roger & Carol Jean Bauer, Tom & Amy Bissel, Joe & Mary Giesen, Dawn Lambrecht, Ted & Tracy Odenthal, Pete & Karen Schoenecker, Roger & Patty Weiers, and Rick & Lori Wooten.

REMINDER ABOUT WCC FAITH FORMATION CLASSES DURING LENT:

We will begin each class during Lent with Stations of the Cross. Stations will begin at 6:30. Classes will begin after that and end at the regular time of 7:45 pm.



Remember to
bring your
basket!

Hop on over for an

easter egg hunt

Date: Sunday, April 9th

Time: Immediately after 8:30 Mass

Place: St. Wenceslaus Church Basement

Please RSVP by Friday, April 7th to:
lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org

LITURGIES & PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

INCLUDES ALL CHURCH LOCATIONS
WEEK OF MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 2017

Rosary at St. Wenceslaus
MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am
SATURDAY at 8:00 am

Monday, March 27

8:00 am Word & Communion – SW

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 am Word & Communion – SW

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 am Mass – SW

5:00 pm Sylvia Perron – Mass – SJ

5:30 pm Confessions – SJ

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – SJ

Thursday, March 30

8:00 am Mass – SW

5:00 pm Mass – SS

5:30 pm Confessions – SS

Friday, March 31

8:00 am Gene Musil – Mass – SW

8:30 am Stations of the Cross – SW

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – SW

Saturday, April 1

First Saturday Devotions

4:00 pm Confessions – SW

5:00 pm Peggy Adelman,

..... Rose Mary Slavik – Mass – SW

8:15 pm Mass – SJ

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am Francis Odenthal, Bob Hauer – Mass – SS

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of FCSLA

..... Mass – SW

10:00 am Mass – SJ

10:30 am Wencel Kubes – Mass – SW

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ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 2017

Monday, March 27:

Baptism Prep Class, 6 pm – Parish Office

Living As a Disciple, 6:30-8 pm – PAC Chapel

Washington, DC Trip Meeting, 7 pm – CB

Tuesday, March 28:

Bible Timeline Study, 7 pm – Parish Office

Wednesday, March 29:

Early Morning Scripture Study, 6:45-7:50 am

– Parish Office

Children's Choir I & II – Choir Room

CORE Team, 5 pm – Faith Formation Office

Youth Alive, 6 pm – Parish Office, Upper Parlor

Faith Formation 1-8, 6:15 pm – Campus Wide

Adult Bells & Choir – Choir Room

Thursday, March 30:

Teen Choir, 2 pm – Choir Room

Bridging the Red-Blue Divide, 6:30 pm –

PAC Chapel

Friday, March 31:

Adoration, 9 am-midnight – PAC Chapel

Saturday, April 1:

Breakfast with Dad, 8-9:30 am –

Pius X Room, CB

Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am –

Pius X Room, CB

SWS Starry Night in Germany, 5 pm – PAC

Sunday, April 2:

CLW at 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses – SW Chapel

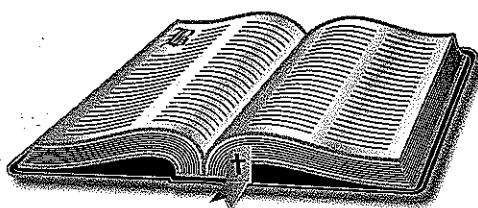
Sunday School during 8:30 am Mass

– Clubhouse

Adult Discussion Group, 6-8 pm – Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 2017

**Monday, March 27:**

IS 65:17-21 / JN 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 28:

EZ 47:1-9,12 / JN 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 29:

IS 49:8-15 / JN 5:17-30

Thursday, March 30:

EX 32:7-14 / JN 5:31-47

Friday, March 31:

WIS 2:1A, 12-22 / JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 1:

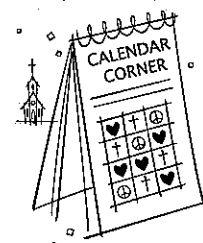
JER 11:18-20 / JN 7:40-53

Sunday, April 2:

EZ 37:12-14 / ROM 8:8-11 / JN 11:1-45

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Lenten Prayer

God of all people,

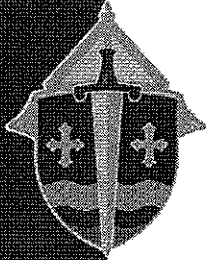
You walk with us on our life's journey.

You know our joys and struggles.

You know us better than we know ourselves.

This Lenten season, may we too learn to walk with others. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we encounter you in our neighbors in need and live your call to serve our human family. Amen.

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March 26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One year ago this month, Pope Francis bestowed on me the honor and responsibility of leading this Archdiocese. You may recall that it was a time of considerable uncertainty and unrest. We were trying to make sense of unspeakable harms that occurred over many decades. The abuse crisis had led to resignations, other personnel changes and legal challenges. There was a call for justice and a need for healing, reform and action.

Since arriving in our Archdiocese, I have come to know this local Church – and many of you – and I consider that a blessing. I want to take a few moments to offer some updates, seek your advice, and express my gratitude.

First, I can assure you that through consultation and purposeful corrective actions, and with an unwavering commitment to improve, we are together building a healthier, more responsive and more accountable local Church. Your prayers have undoubtedly been a huge part of that.

As you may recall, just over a year ago, the Archdiocese entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office relating to the protection of children. Since then, the Archdiocese has been periodically reporting on our progress in Ramsey County Court. Not only have we been found to have complied with the spirit and letter of the Agreement, but the Archdiocese has been commended for our cooperative work with the county attorney's office – and others – to protect children.

Over the past few months, many of you have asked about our remaining legal challenge: bankruptcy. You want to know if the Archdiocese is doing everything it can to ensure that those who were harmed receive fair compensation. You have also asked how your parish and the entire local Church will survive this and continue with their missions.

I can assure you that our goal has been to provide fair compensation as soon as possible. We have liquidated possessions, sold buildings, collected other assets, and negotiated with insurance carriers. We have managed to gather more than \$155 million, all with the hope of compensating claimants and finally bringing an end to the bankruptcy.

We know that those who have been harmed deserve justice sooner rather than later, and we realize that prolonged litigation works counter to our desire to maximize the amount available for victims because legal fees and costs, which are already substantial and grow the longer this goes on, reduce the proceeds available to victims. We also know how that the uncertainties of the ongoing litigation have made it difficult for many of our parishes and parishioners to stay focused on our mission. Please join me in praying that the matter might soon be brought to a resolution.

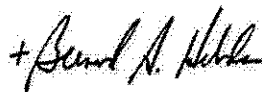
At the same time, I ask for your continued prayers for those who have suffered abuse. I can attest that many have suffered in silence for a long, long time. It may be someone sitting next to you at Mass, on the bus or a train, or at your family dining table. We want to create welcoming environments for those who have been harmed while embedding into our culture the changes necessary to create the safest possible environments for all.

If you know of a way that our Church could do more to help, please let me know. Reach out in whatever way is best for you. We want your advice. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter.

I thank you. We are, together, setting a new course. To be sure, we have much work ahead. But, through your efforts, this local Church is positioned to accomplish so many positive things and to continue the vital acts of service it performs every day. In taking stock of where we have been, where we are now and where we are headed, I am most grateful for our present opportunities. God willing – and with your help – we will continue moving toward a better future.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
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