April 2023

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Mission Dioceses are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Often their small Catholic populations are distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Superior, here in northern Wisconsin, fits that mold. Many do not realize that the Diocese of Superior is considered a Catholic Home Mission Diocese. Mission Dioceses cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople.

The Catholic Home Missions Collection which takes place on the weekend of April 30, 2023, provides financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States and here in northern Wisconsin.

I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Catholic Home Missions Collection by mailing your designated donation envelope provided by your parish to your parish office or give it through your parish online portal if it’s an option. Through your generosity, many churches over the years have been able to remain vibrant.

This past year, thanks to our generous collection response, the United States Bishops’ Committee on the Home Missions awarded the Diocese of Superior $94,000 for Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education support, Priestly Education, Diaconate Formation and the Eucharistic Revival. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Collection can continue to provide essential pastoral outreach here in our Diocesan parishes.

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support your parish and the Catholic Home Missions Collection this year.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers

Bishop of Superior