



## DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mission Dioceses span every corner of the United States and its territories, serving small Catholic populations scattered across vast geographical regions with limited clergy. The Diocese of Superior, nestled in northern Wisconsin, embodies this scenario. Often overlooked, it's crucial to recognize that the Diocese of Superior operates as a Catholic Home Mission Diocese, reliant on external assistance to fulfill basic pastoral needs. These necessities encompass Mass, sacraments, religious education, and the formation of clergy, including priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay leaders.

The upcoming Catholic Home Missions Collection, scheduled for the weekend of April 28, 2024, serves as a vital avenue for providing financial support to missionary endeavors that bolster the Catholic Church both nationally and locally, particularly in northern Wisconsin.


I implore you to contemplate participating in the Catholic Home Missions Collection by either mailing your designated donation envelope, provided by your parish, to the parish office or contributing through your parish's online portal, if available. Through your generosity, countless churches have maintained their vibrancy over the years.

Thanks to our community's generous response to last year's collection, the United States Bishops' Committee on Home Missions allocated \$90,000 to the Diocese of Superior. These funds supported Lay Formation and Leadership Development, Seminary Education, Priestly Education, Diaconate Formation, and the Eucharistic Revival. With your continued support, the Catholic Home Missions Collection will sustain crucial pastoral outreach initiatives within our Diocesan parishes.

I urge you to reflect on how you can further aid your parish and the Catholic Home Missions Collection this year through prayerful consideration.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

  
Most Rev. James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior