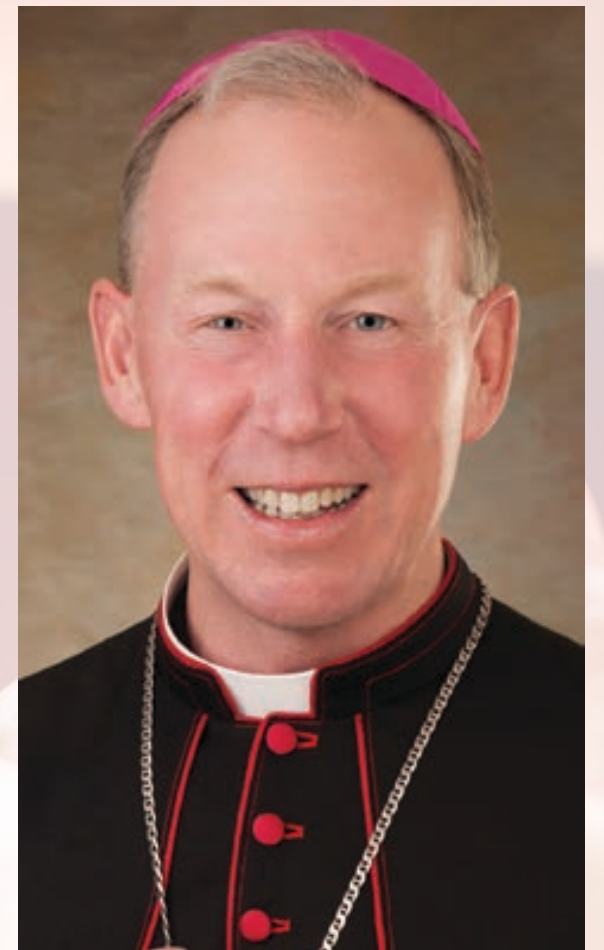


September 1st, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the 2022 Synodal journey, the Bishop's Appeal listened to the collective voices of our brothers and sisters in Christ who were calling for faith connections. Growing Together focused on projects that supported parishioners of all ages to come together in faith.

This year we again sought feedback from parishioners, this time through an in-depth survey about the Bishop's Appeal. We received over four hundred responses and the results of this survey are clear: parishioners seek faith-based relationships, they want to support Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Sisters, and Seminarians.



Parishioners in our Diocese come from many backgrounds. Each person is a golden thread in God's hands, bringing with them unique gifts, challenges, and perspectives to our faith community. These many threads are woven together to create one tapestry of faith. In the same way that the many threads of a tapestry are jumbled in messiness on the back of the piece, we too work through the many threads of complex patterns to emerge and create a beautiful picture of faith, intricately woven into God's beautiful tapestry.

Proceeds from the Bishop's 2023 Appeal will be allocated to three areas of growth: Parish community and relationship building, Local Mission Parishes, and support for Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations. You will find details about each of these areas of growth else-where in this brochure. Together we will weave a Tapestry of Faith for our Diocese.

In Communion,

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