



DIocese OF SUPERIOR

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 11, 2012

To the people of God of the Diocese of Superior
My dear friends in Christ,

I am asking all Christ's faithful of the Diocese of Superior to respond generously to the annual World Concern Collection the weekend of March 17 & 18, 2012. Your generosity and prayers toward the collection will strengthen the Catholic Church, and provide critical relief services wherever it is most needed around the world.

Your generosity helps support these five specific causes each year which now include the Church in Africa:

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports a wide range of essential and pastoral projects that support the rapidly growing Church in the region - funded projects such as Catholic schools in Djibouti that provide vocational training, education, and employment.

The Collection for the Holy Father (Peters Pence) enables the Pope to respond to the appeals for vital assistance that come directly to him.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection extends the generosity of Americans to the poor and to victims of disaster across the world. Catholic Relief Services has played an important role in facilitating disaster relief efforts around the world and has frequently been the world's first response of aid.

The Church in Latin America brings assistance to the Church on a continent troubled by poverty, injustice and economic political turmoil.

The Collection to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe helps the Church in its efforts to rebuild its parishes, schools, seminaries, and teach laity through religious education.

I pray that each of us will participate in our World Concern Collection by supporting these vital causes that will ensure a vibrant Catholic Church around the world.

With warmest personal regards and continuing prayer,

I remain fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen
Bishop of Superior

Note: This letter will appear in the Catholic Herald during the week prior to the collection, and may be attached with your parish bulletin or read from the pulpit.