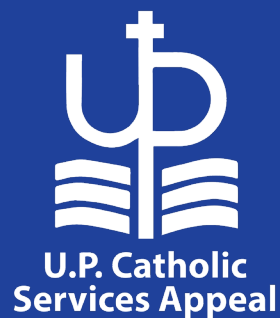


Faith In Action



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! St. Paul tells us, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12). **Through our baptism, our Lord unites all of us Catholics in the Upper Peninsula to him and his body, the Church.**

Jesus bestows unique gifts and talents on every member of his body to be used to worship him, to share his good news, and to reach out to those in need. In this way, by the grace of God, we put our faith in action by using the talents that he has given us.

Our Upper Peninsula Catholic Service Appeal (UPCSA) theme for this year is "Faith In Action: Together in Christ." **In the enclosed newsletter, you will see how gifts to your parish for UPCSA enable us to put our Faith in Action!** By supporting UPCSA, together in Christ you share the message of our faith through the good works of Catholic Social Services. Your generous donations also support both the education of our seminarians and the children studying in our Catholic schools and parishes, as well as many other ministries across our diocese.

Please join me in making a prayerful step this year with your UPCSA gift to help your parish reach its target goal. By completing the enclosed UPCSA pledge card and returning it to your parish as soon as possible, you will be doing your part in the Body of Christ. As always, each parish will retain all donations and pledges exceeding its UPCSA goal.

If you are unable to give a monetary amount this year, I invite you to select the please the "pray" option on the pledge card and offer a prayer to the Lord for the evangelizing mission of the Church in the U.P.

We are reminded in Ephesians 4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all." May God bless you in abundance!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL
Bishop of Marquette

P.S. My hope is that your faith and love for Jesus grow each day, as He is always present with us. Please feel free to reach out to me using the QR code or by visiting dioceseofmarquette.org/bishop to share how I can pray for you and others. Throughout the coming year, I pledge to keep your intentions in my prayers and hold you close in my heart.

