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June 7, 2009

Fair Trade Coffee is coming to the Cathedral. What's that you say? Fair Trade Coffee? What are you talking about?

Selling Fair Trade Coffee has been suggested by the Just Faith Group from our parish. Over the last 30 weeks a group of 12 people have been meeting, reading and reflecting on the social teaching of the Catholic Church. As part of their reflection and study, they learned about Fair Trade Coffee and how buying this coffee can really help all of us to live the social teaching of the Catholic Church more effectively.

As you know, coffee is grown in many places throughout the world. Although it is grown in large plantation settings run by large companies, there are also many small farmers growing coffee beans, especially in Central America. Anyone who grows coffee beans is trying to make a living. What can often happen however is that smaller operators have a difficult time competing with larger companies. In the past they have been forced to sell their coffee beans at or below production costs. The end result is a standard of living that keeps the small farmers forever in poverty, unable to get ahead or to grow their business and make an honest wage to feed their families. Enter the Fair Trade Federation.

The Fair Trade Federation (FTF), working with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has created a solution to this problem not only for the coffee growers but for other farmers in the world who are striving to make a decent living. The FTF and CRS are basically a clearing house for small coffee growers. They give the farmers a fair price for their coffee beans. This enables the small producers to have a decent standard of living. They are able to put money back into their operations and realize a better life for their families. The FTF and CRS working together in turn sell the coffee to organizations that use and want the coffee. Granted the price of Fair Trade Coffee is higher than the price of coffee at other places. It is also, by everyone's estimation, a superior product. Like many of the finer coffee houses in our area and all over, Fair Trade Coffee is a higher grade of coffee. Since there is less middle management in the process of bringing the coffee from the

trees to the table, the farmers make a better wage and those who purchase the coffee get a better flavored coffee.

So why is the Cathedral becoming involved in this? The simple answer is "because it is the right thing to do." By that I mean, that we are called to both preach and live the gospel message. We do that in many ways but one of the areas in which we lag behind is the area of social justice. Living and proclaiming the gospel calls us to live and work with and behind our brothers and sisters, sharing the blessings we have received and offering assistance to one another. Doing that in the context of our homes and community is relatively easy even if we sometimes fail at the attempt. Reaching beyond our immediate circumstance to the larger world is more of a challenge. We know that poverty exists in the world. We know that systems of administration and commerce can keep people stuck in a cycle of poverty and hopelessness. There is little that we can do about many of those situations. Thanks to the work of CRS, we have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of people that we do not know but who are nonetheless, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Using and selling Fair Trade Coffee allows us to help others live decent and hope filled lives, working hard and being proud of what they do. In selling Fair Trade Coffee we really can make a change in our world.

Of course there is a cost involved. The Fair Trade Coffee will cost more than the coffee you buy in the stores. We think this is worth the price. We will buy the coffee for \$8.51 a pound and sell it for \$10.00 per pound. That will be a profit of about \$1.50 on each pound. This money will be given to CRS to support the purchase of a kit to drill a Rota Sludge well for villages in southern Madagascar. All the way around we will be helping others to improve their lives.

The Fair Trade Coffee will be sold on the weekend of June 13-14 at the entrances of the Cathedral. It will also be available for purchase at the rectory office during the week. You are asked to consider sharing in this good work. Not only will you get a great cup of coffee, but you will also be helping people all over the world live better lives. As gospel people it is what we are called to do for one another.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Hermosa is at St. Michael's Church in Hermosa which is a mission parish for the Cathedral. Mass in the extraordinary form - Immaculate Conception Chapel Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.

+ Indicates deceased

Monday (6/8) Weekday

7:00 AM Sandy Cooke+
3:30 AM No Assisted Living Facility Mass
5:30 PM Paul E. Moriarty

Tuesday (6/9) St. Ephrem

7:00 AM Marie Ehrhardt +
5:30 PM Joseph Rockwell+

Wednesday (6/10) Weekday

7:00 AM Lisa Osborne
5:30 PM Antoinette Witt +

Thursday (6/11) St. Barnabas

7:00 AM Bob Beshara+
3:30 PM No Assisted Living Facility Mass
5:30 PM Lloyd Weber+

Friday (6/12) Weekday

7:00 AM Tyler Dennis
5:30 PM No Mass

Saturday (6/13) St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 AM Marcy Habbe
5:30 PM Peter Denton+

Sunday (6/14) The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 AM People of the Parish
8:00 AM (Hermosa)
10:30 AM Lucille Neary+
5:30 PM Michelle Lee Lassegard+

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain on our list for *One Month*. Please contact the rectory to request continued prayers 342-0507.

Please remember the sick of the Cathedral Parish, especially Ed Vifquain, Raymond Tognotti, Sr. Jean Marie Tognotti, Mitch Linster, Fr. Ed Vanorney, Ludwick Garbacz, Deacon George Gladfelter, Liz Rau, Clare Madden, Mary Kay Thomlinson, Marion Goergen, Mary Burdsal, Charles Burdsal, Susan Oleson, Joseph Engelhardt, Sr., Joan Stahnke, Helga Kerr, Ray Winters, Kyle Oberlander, David Rykhus, Florence Williams, Ed Murray, Peggy Steengaard, Shirley Laws, Marion Elston, and Jack Elston.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED. LEILA WOLF

THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Main Cathedral (MC), Our Lady's Chapel (OLC), Adoration Chapel (AC), Choir Loft (CL), Cathedral Hall (CH), Cathedral Hall Classroom (CHC), Large Meeting Room (LMR), Lower Sacristy (LS), St. Thomas More High School (STM), St. Elizabeth Seton School (SES).

Sunday, June 7

Coffee and Rolls—9:00 AM (CH)
Wyatt Smith Organ Recital—1:00 PM (MC)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM (OLC)

Monday, June 8

Cathedral All Committee Meeting Night—5:30 PM Mass,
6:00 PM Dinner (CH), 6:30 PM Meetings (CH), 8:00 PM Parish Council (CH)
Men's Group—6:30 PM(LS)

Tuesday, June 9

Knights of Columbus Potluck—6:30 PM (CH)
Knights of Columbus General Meeting—7:30 PM (CH)

Wednesday, June 10

Holy Hour and Exposition— 7:00-7:55 AM (ICC)
Staff Prayer—8:00 AM (OLC)
No Reconciliation—Priest Retreat
Diocesan Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM (MC)
Adult Education Class—7:00-8:00 PM (ICC)

Thursday, June 11

Knights of Columbus Card Party—9:00 AM (LS)
NAMI Family to Family Program—6:30 PM(LMR)

Friday, June 12

No 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday, June 13

Mass/Adoration—8:00-9:30 AM (OLC)
Reconciliation—3:00-4:00 PM

Sunday, June 14

Coffee and Rolls—9:00 AM (CH)
Corpus Christi Mass/Procession to ICC/ Reception at Cathedral—
1:00 PM (MC/ICC/CH)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM (OLC)



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body of Christ, is June 14. We will be having a special Mass and Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 14. The Mass will begin at 1:00 PM and the procession from Cathedral to ICC will happen following the Mass. The expectation is that everyone who comes to the 1:00 PM Mass will participate in the procession. The procession will conclude at ICC with Benediction. We will have buses to bring people back to the Cathedral after Benediction for a light reception.

WEEKLY READINGS:

MONDAY	2 Cor 1:1-7, Mt 5:1-12
TUESDAY	2 Cor 1:18-22, Mt 5:13-16
WEDNESDAY	2 Cor 3:4-11, Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY	Act 11:21b-26;13:1-3, Mt 5:20-26
FRIDAY	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 5:27-32
SATURDAY	2 Cor 5:14-21, Mt 33-37
SUNDAY	Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

If you have a family member who is currently serving overseas and you would like to have that person's name listed on a prayer list in the bulletin, please call Lisa at 342-0507.

Sr. Amn Jeremy Garrow, AIC Kyrisa Sandal, Amn Michael Burke, Captain R.J. Murphy, SSgt. Tim Jensen, USN Lt. Shaun Steinbarger, SCPO Richard Huebner, CW4 Robert Anthony Schuler, Lt. Col. Glen Chadwick, PFC Julius Lacey, SSgt. Shannon Lacey, Navy Spec. Wayne Swier, Lt. Matt Walenta, Major Angela Beck, Lt. Col. James White, Sgt. IC Christopher Goodart, AIC Allen Fanter, SPC Rodney Schlechter, SPC Kevin Stone, Andy Martinmaas, Pvt. Matt Vedder, Chief MSgt. Larry Osborne, and Capt. Martin R. Yost, and Angelo Schiraldi.

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS FOR ORDINATION

The Cathedral is hosting the Ordination dinner and reception for Rev. Mr. Tyler Dennis on Friday, June 26, 2009. The dinner is at 5:00 PM and the reception follows the 7:00 PM Ordination Mass. In addition to the family groups, I am looking for volunteers to help staff these events. Jobs would include setup and decorating, preparing and cooking the dinner, baking cakes, preparing plates for serving, serving plates, pouring water and coffee, serving cake and beverages at the reception, clearing plates, running the dishwasher, etc. As you can see we will have jobs for all. Please consider donating a couple hours on Friday, June 26. - Mary Lunders, Community Life Director

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the following new members of the Parish Pastoral Council: Kimberly Bradsky, Dennis Braun, Dave Henderson and Marcia Williamson. Thank you to all who agreed to be nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council. We are grateful for the service of the following members who are leaving the council: Paula Clark, Angie Calvetti and Barbara Hewett.

PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION

Thank you to all of you who continue to respond so generously to our Perpetual Help Collection each month. During the month of June we will be collecting three items that are especially needed by the Cornerstone Rescue Mission Thrift Store – clean, unstained children's summer clothing – toddler through grade school; children's books in good condition and silverware. Help yourself and others by cleaning out your closets, bookshelves and kitchen drawers.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Monday, June 15th-5:30pm Mass and dinner @ Applebee's
Monday, July 6th- 5:30pm Mass and dinner @ Saigon
Monday, July 20th-5:30pm Mass and dinner @ Boston's
For more info: cathedralyoungadultgroup@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Have you ever wanted to give your priests a gift and not known what to get them? Our priests do so much for us! Would you be willing to give an hour or two of your time in prayer? During the Diocesan Priest Retreat, June 8-12, 2009, we will be having Solemn Exposition and Adoration at the Cathedral to pray for our priests in thanksgiving for all they do for us and for guidance in their ministry, as well as an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 7:00 AM Mass on June 8 and conclude at noon on June 12. Sign up sheets are available at all entrances this weekend.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The St. Anne Street home is scheduled for dedication on June 12. There is still landscaping to be done if this is your forte' call HABITAT @ 348-9196.

There are more Habitat builds getting underway at Midway Street and on Anamosa Street. Volunteers will be needed.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together." Psalm 133:1

PAX Christi – Cindy

ORDINATION CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

Rehearsals:

Wednesday June 10 6:00PM
Sunday June 14 7:00PM
Sunday June 21 1:00PM
Tuesday June 23 6:00PM

Ordination:

Friday June 26 7:00PM

Everyone is welcome!

Questions, contact Katie Severns @ 342-0507

STEWARDSHIP

Giving of our time, talent, and treasure is not about giving until it hurts. Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

May 31, 2009

Ascension Sunday Collection	\$	13,343.59
Special Collection		<u>300.00</u>
	\$	<u>13,643.59</u>
Total Seminary Fund FY 2009:	\$	7,009.94

Thank you for your generosity!

INFORMATION



You must be registered to attend.

Summer Saint School Monday—Thursday **June 15-18, 2009**

Morning Session 9:00 am to 11:30 am or **Evening Session** 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

For children 4 years old by 09/01/2009 thru 5th grade fall 2009.

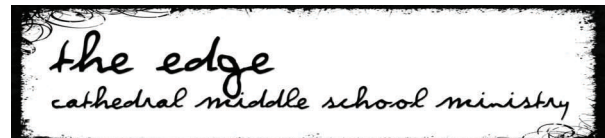
Older students may apply to be table leaders and station assistants.

Registration forms online, at each entrance, or at the rectory office.

We are having t-shirts this year—please fill in t-shirt size.

We have scholarship money available for students who are in need of assistance.

For more information please call: Linda Baldwin 342-0507 ext 29 linda@cathedralolph.org
www.cathedralolph.org > Faith Formation > Summer Saint School



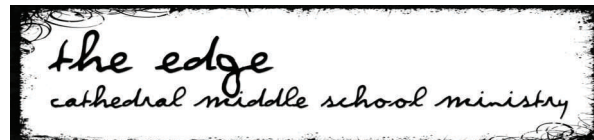
For High School and Middle School:

Tom Centarri will be making phone calls to Middle School students, High School students, and parents over the summer months.

Be sure to tell him your biggest dreams for Life Night and the EDGE.

Plans are in the works for a fabulous year. Let Tom know your ideas.

To contact Tom call 342-0507 ext 20 or tom@cathedralolph.org



M & M's on the Green.

Middle School **Mark** your calendar

Wednesday, July 1st

starting with 5:30 **Mass**

followed by **Munchies**

and **Movies** on the green

For more information call Tom 342-0507 ext 20 or tom@cathedralolph.org

CATHEDRAL MUSICIANS MARK

YOUR CALENDARS!

Who: All Cathedral Musicians

What: NPM Meeting with presentations on Volunteerism, Wedding Music, and Taize Prayer!

Also an opportunity to audition for NPM Cantor Certification.

When: June 27, 2009 9:30AM-3:00PM (Lunch Included!)

Where: Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont, SD

Why: To further our growth as musicians and connect with other musicians in the diocese!

Contact Katie Severns at 342-0507 if you are interested in attending.

DISHES

Pyrex dishes previously used in the kitchen at the Cathedral are being replaced and the old ones are being given away. We have dinner plates, dessert plates, soup bowls, and a few cups and saucers. They are white with a turquoise border. If you are interested please contact Beth Strain, administrator, or Mary Lunders, community life director, at 342-0507.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS?

Cathedral Health Ministry is sponsoring the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family to Family Class. This course provides the knowledge and skills that family members and friends need to effectively help the person with the brain disorder as well as providing support and coping strategies for the caregiver. The series of 12 classes will begin on Thurs. June 11 at Cathedral. There is no cost. For more information or to register, call Audrey at 343-1366 or cell 431-0872. A detailed description of this course may be found at www.NAMI.org and in brochures by each entrance. *"This course helps me to be Christ to persons with mental illness," Judy Hasenohrl, Parish Nurse, Cathedral of OLPH*

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Adult Education Class from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at ICC basement. Topic: **The Visible Church**. Handouts provided. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the St. Michael's Community

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction 7:00 AM to 7:55 AM at Immaculate Conception Church. Sponsored by St. Michael's Community

COMMUNITY NEWS

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL

Wyatt Smith, a Rapid City native and senior at Luther Preparatory School will be presenting his senior organ recital at Cathedral on June 7, 2009 at 1:00 PM in the Cathedral Main Church. Wyatt has studied with Mary Lou Torrey, Justin Matters, and Bethel Zabell of Watertown. Next year he will begin his college career at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. All are invited to attend this concert.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Catholic Daughters of America will have a meeting on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 PM at St. Therese. Please come and bring a new member.



Faithful
Citizenship

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

"In our own trials, and standing alongside others in their struggles, we glimpse the essence of our humanity, we become, as it were, more human."

Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Amman, Jordan, May 8, 2009

Rome. www.vatican.va (use search option)

The Diocesan Pro-Life Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled **Spiritual Adoption Prayer** is as follows:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."
(From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission)

FATIMA MINI-CONFERENCE

The Rapid City division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, is sponsoring a mini-conference on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Featured speakers will be Sean Innerst, former director of religious education for the Diocese of Rapid City, and Michael LaCorte, Executive Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA. The conference will begin at 8:00 AM and will end with a 7:00 PM showing of the "Fatima" movie. The cost is \$10 per person. Lunch is an additional \$5 or participants can bring a lunch. To register, contact Jim Jacquot at 605-381-9130 or Ellen Robertson at 605-718-9909. Registration checks should be made payable to the Blue Army and mailed to Jim Jacquot at 608 Cleveland St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

SUBSTITUTE HEALTH CARE WORKERS NEEDED

St. Martin Monastery Health Care Unit is looking for persons to fill in when health care workers are on vacation or absent due to illness. Provide personal care for five elderly sisters and help with meals and activities. Duties also include housecleaning and laundry. No experience or certification required -- just a willing heart and a flexible schedule. Interested? Call Rose Williamson, Director of Nursing, at 343-8011.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR "DIOCESAN MASSES FOR LIFE"

For the third year, the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission will match donations made to the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of \$250. Donations will help fund the daily Masses offered throughout the diocese for the protection of life. Prayer is essential to ensuring a culture of life in South Dakota and throughout the nation! **Donations must be postmarked on or before June 22.** Please send donations to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

RACHEL'S VINYARD

O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. -

Our Lady of Fatima.

If you have been affected by abortion, pray to Our Lady of Fatima, the Queen of Peace, and ask for Christ's goodness and mercy.

Attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience the profound and beautiful mercy of Our Lord. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website:

www.rapidcitydiocese.org/ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

STM TO HOLD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE ON JUNE 12 AND 13!

St. Thomas More will be hosting our annual rummage sale Friday June 12 & Saturday June 13. Friday evening is from 5-7 PM with a \$5.00 early bird fee. Saturday is from 7 AM to 1 PM. We are still accepting donations and they can be dropped off at St. Thomas More during school hours. If you have any questions, please call Kassi Jolley at STM at 343-8484 ext 215.

RCCSS 2009-2010 REGISTRATION

There is still time to register for St. Elizabeth Seton and St. Thomas More for the 2009-10 school year. Please visit our website at www.rccss.net contact Marcia Werner 343-8484 x203.

CALLING ALL PRESCHOOLERS

In addition to our 4-year-old Preschool, St. Elizabeth Seton Preschool is starting a new program. We are offering a Tuesday / Thursday AM class for 3-year-olds. This class will be centered on socialization, with lots of fun built in. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour please call Marcia Werner (343-8484 x203) or Jana Thies (348-1477).

PLANNING A WEDDING?

Congratulations! To plan a celebration that truly reflects the Catholic faith, go to www.foryourmarriage.org Couples will find choices for wedding liturgy readings and options that will help personalize the ceremony. There are also tips for choosing wedding music and "10 Things to Consider."

CHRISTIAN FAMILY PLANNING SEMINAR

This seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, June 20, 9:00 AM- Noon at St. John the Baptist in Custer. *This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.* Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

VOCATIONS ~Consider It!!!

PRAYER TO KNOW MY VOCATION

My Lord and my God, You are Love itself, the source of all love and goodness. Out of love You created me to know You, to love You, and to serve You in a unique way, as no one else can. I believe that You have a plan for my life, that you have a mission in Your Kingdom reserved for me alone. Your plan and Your mission are far better than any other I might choose: they will glorify You, fulfill the desires of my heart, and bring salvation to those souls who are depending on my generous response.

Lord grant me the light of grace I need to see the next step in your plan; grant me the generosity necessary to follow Your call; and grant me the courage required to take up my cross and to follow You.

Show me Your will, O gentle and eternal God, and help me to say with Mary, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to Your word." Let me say with Jesus, "Let not my will be done, but Yours." Amen.

TOTUS TUUS 2009

ALL THIS I DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

(1 COR 9:23)

YEAR OF ST. PAUL: APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center.

Girls Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: June 23-26.

Girls Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: June 22-26.

Boys Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: July 7-10.

Boys Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: July 6-10.

Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.

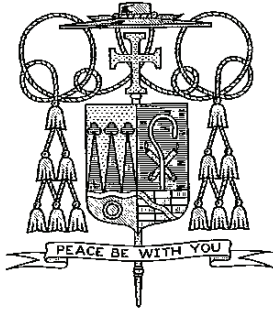
Through baptism we become beloved children of the Father of Jesus. Pray for the grace to humbly accept that gift. Listen for what it means in your life. (Romans 8:14-17)

FOOD CERTIFICATES

For every \$100 you purchase in food certificates you receive \$100 worth of groceries AND our parish earns \$2 and Church Response earns \$3.

Food Certificates work just like cash at Don's Valley Mart, Safeway, Family Thrift Center, and Prairie Market. Food Certificates can be purchased after Masses on the weekend or at the Rectory Office during the week.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

OFFICE OF BISHOP

May 18, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In April 2008 Pope Benedict XVI made a historic journey to the United States. During this time, he made a call to action for the Church in the United States.

"In the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer. Act as beacons of hope, casting the light of Christ upon the world."

– Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, April 19, 2008

Every year, when the *Peter's Pence Collection* is taken up around the world to support the works of the Holy Father, Catholics in the United States are extraordinarily generous. The proceeds of this Collection are used to provide emergency funds to those who suffer from oppression, disease, war, or natural disaster.

This year the Collection in the Diocese of Rapid City is scheduled for the weekend of ***June 13-14, 2009***. Let us be beacons of hope to those of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Let us answer the call to cast the light of Christ upon the world. I ask you to be generous in the upcoming Peter's Pence Collection in your parish. Together, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father, us, and all those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Blase J. Cupich
Bishop of Rapid City