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**TO BE READ AT ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF THE COLLECTION
DECEMBER 5-6**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2018, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay. There are exciting enhancements being made to the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral in anticipation of this event. Our hope is that all of the improvements will be completed in time for all to appreciate the beauty of the Mother Church of our Diocese!

The campaign is going well to date. Thanks to the generosity of a small number of the faithful of the Diocese, the new copper roof is being installed as we speak. \$1,900,000 has been pledged and all but \$350,000 has been paid, allowing the work to begin and continue on the roof.

We have been given a wonderful matching gift of up to \$100,000 from the Catholic Foundation to encourage new gifts in this phase of the campaign! We hope to meet and exceed this match!

Please prayerfully, consider making a sacrificial gift for this worthy effort. Please know each and every gift is greatly appreciated and will be wisely used!

This project is very dear to my heart. I want to make sure that our Mother Church is ready for our 150th anniversary and for generations to come. Thank you very much for your anticipated help and generosity. As we enjoy these beautiful days of Advent, please know you are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay