

Diocese of Green Bay



October 26, 2015

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Coordinators:

The 150th anniversary of the founding of our Diocese will be in 2018, in anticipation of that milestone year, we are making necessary enhancements to the Mother Church of the diocese, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Thanks to the generosity of a small number of the faithful of the Diocese, a new copper roof is being installed as we speak. To date, nearly \$1.8 million has been pledged and all but \$350,000 has been paid, allowing the work to begin and continue on the roof.

The priests, deacons and Cathedral parishioners have stepped forward to help in this important effort. Now I would ask your help to promote this one-time diocesan-wide collection to 'close the gap' between what has been committed and the \$3 million goal. **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 read the enclosed letter from Bishop at each Mass the weekend of the collection and use the other enclosed materials to help draw this campaign to a successful conclusion.

On behalf of Bishop Ricken, I offer my deepest thanks for all your efforts in encouraging your parishioners to participate in this very important and timely effort.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dan Felton
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia