



“Considering Our Way of Life”

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As your bishop, I am both blessed and challenged in a very special way to serve all of you as well as the broader community in Northeast Wisconsin.

Since my appointment to the Diocese of Green Bay, I have been inspired by the multitude of ways this local church lives out its faith every day. Through your commitment to prayer, to selfless service, and to generous sharing, the mission of the church is made tangible here in Northeast Wisconsin, in your homes, your workplaces, your communities; and let’s not forget your response and support to both national and international efforts.

As a bishop, it is my calling, my vocation, and my responsibility to *Advance the Mission* of the Church – the mission of Jesus Christ. To bear this awesome responsibility alone would be unthinkable; knowing I share this responsibility with each of you transforms it into a joy and blessing.

The society in which we live makes many demands on our time, our attention, and our resources. The influence of popular culture and shifting mores creates challenges for us as members of the Body of Christ – the Church. We know the gospel message has not yet been shared with everyone and consequently, the reign of God - the Kingdom of God, is not yet fully realized in our own hearts, our own households, the greater community. It is important to take time to retreat from the busyness of our lives, to pause, to consider our own way of life. We all need to set aside some time to take a deep breath and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our choices and directions.



Over the next several weeks, I invite you to take a step or two back from the busyness of your life, to begin a journey with me and all the members of your parish into a prayerful discussion with God. Together, as a Catholic community, through prayer and thoughtful reflection and discussions, we can find new ways towards *Advancing the Mission* – this mission of Jesus.

This new campaign, *Advancing the Mission*, builds on what our stewardship initiatives began some ten years ago – encouraging Catholics to see life through a lens of gratitude for all God has given to each of us and in response, choose to live a stewardship way of life marked by prayer, service, and generous sharing.

If we are successful in this journey of faith – hearts will open, minds will change, and lives will be transformed. Imagine how much farther *Advancing the Mission*, the mission of Jesus, here in Northeast Wisconsin and beyond will carry us on our journey to heaven! I am grateful that you and I are fellow travelers on this journey.

Grateful for our belief that “Nothing Is Impossible with God” I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik