



## FORWARD IN FAITH APPEAL

Beginning this October, Pope Benedict has called the Catholic world to observe a Year of Faith in remembrance of two important anniversaries: the opening of the Second Vatican Council fifty years ago and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church twenty-five years ago. These two events profoundly affected the way we live our Catholic faith in the 21st century. The Year of Faith is a time to make the faith of the Church our own – to understand it more clearly and live it more truly.

As we approach the Year of Faith, then, let me pose three simple questions:

- Are you continuing to grow in faith?
- Do you feel connected to those who share your faith?
- Do you respond to God's call to live your faith in love?

This year's Appeal is based on these questions. "Forward in Faith" will draw attention to three areas in particular that are crucial to the life of faith in this diocese:

- welcoming a new generation of faith to change the world;
- providing new leaders in faith to shepherd God's flock;
- honoring those who have long served us faithfully.

We will soon be mailing out an information packet to flesh out these matters more fully. Please take the time to think about and pray about what you can do to forward the works of faith in our diocese in the year to come.

### **Forward In Faith**

#### **A new Generation of Faith to Change the World**

*"Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"*

- Matthew 19:16

#### **The Need for a New Era of Leaders In Faith**

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."*

- Matthew 4:21-22

#### **Honoring Those Who've Served Faithfully**

*"We have given up everything and followed you.*

*What will there be for us?"*

- Matthew 19:27

#### **Moving Forward In Faith Together**

*"I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; ... from her poverty, she has offered her whole livelihood."*

- Luke 21:3-4