



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Sharing His Transforming Love” is this year’s theme for the *Bishop’s Annual Appeal*, the major source of financial support for our diocesan ministries. Each gift to our annual appeal helps us to fulfill the mission given to us by Christ to make His love known in our diocese and beyond. Your support helps us in a variety of ways, including the education of our seminarians, the Catholic education and formation of our youth, and our outreach efforts to those in need through our support of Catholic Charities, just to name a few.

I ask you to take a few moments to read the enclosed brochure to understand how your gift will touch people’s lives here in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, and how it will impact our parishes, schools, agencies, and communities. I recognize the challenging economic times we are experiencing, and I am grateful for any support you may offer. No kindness goes unnoticed!

Throughout these first months as your bishop, I have enjoyed getting to know you, the people of this wonderful diocese. I have been inspired by your joy in living the Gospel and by your witness to Christ. I look forward to more opportunities to pray and work together as we seek to build up the Kingdom here in our nine counties.

During this joyous Easter season, please know of my prayers of gratitude for you and for those whom you hold dear.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Edward M. Lohse

The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, JCD
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