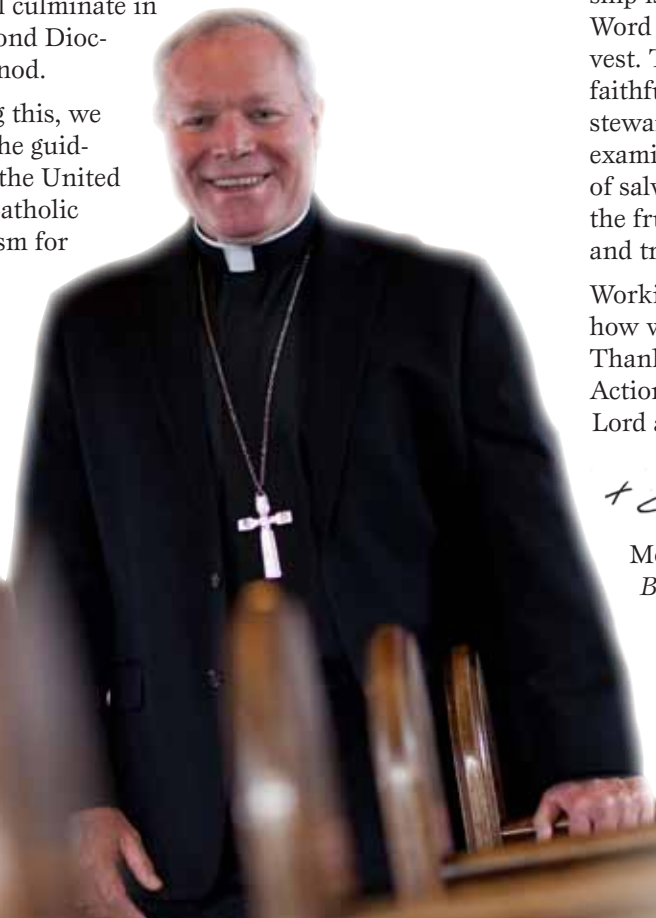


Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to the 2013 Annual Faith in Action Stewardship Appeal. The theme of Faith in Action this year is the same as that for our Second Diocesan Synod, which will meet this November: **“People of God Responding to Christ’s Call.”** Looking ahead from this Year of Faith, this is a call to discipleship and an opportunity to serve others in our parishes and our Diocese. It is the same experience as when Jesus called his disciples to follow him!

The meaning of stewardship must be based in the meaning of discipleship. To be stewards requires that we first be disciples. Jesus first calls us to be his disciples, and then we respond as stewards by using our time, talent, and treasure. Throughout this Year of Faith we have been exploring the ways in which we have the opportunity to do this, an exploration that will culminate in our Second Diocesan Synod.

In doing this, we follow the guidance of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults:



“Jesus calls us as his disciples to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is a part. Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church, collaborators and cooperators in the continuing redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church’s essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.”

I hope that a result of this Year of Faith in Southeast Alaska, and of our Diocesan Synod, will be a better understanding of stewardship and discipleship within our Diocese. Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord, a way of living by which we give thanks to God. The call of discipleship is a call to serve others. As the seed of God’s Word falls on good ground, it will yield a rich harvest. The good soil represents those who respond faithfully to God’s Word. The question for Christian stewards is, “What kind of soil are we?” We need to examine our lives regularly to see how the harvest of salvation is growing in us. In order to produce the fruitful harvest, we must share the time, talent, and treasure that God has entrusted to us.

Working together we can make a difference. This is how we live out the call of Jesus to be his disciples. Thank you for your participation in our Faith in Action Appeal, as we strive to be disciples of the Lord and stewards of his many gifts.

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
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How will the Faith in Action funds be spent?

Communications

The Diocese of Juneau is the smallest Diocese in the United States, with a Catholic population of approximately 10,000, and one of the larger with 53,000 square miles in area. Geographically strung out along hundreds of miles of islands, peninsulas and fjords, communications can be a challenge. The Diocese continues to improve electronic communications with up-to-date computer and video-conferencing equipment.



Diocese of Juneau teens travel to ACYC in Anchorage.

Youth and Young Adult programs

Youth ministry is an investment in the future of our Church. Your Faith in Action contributions support a full-time youth and young-adult minister for the Diocese, as well as youth activities such as a Diocesan teen retreat, Alaska Catholic Youth Convention, and World Youth Day events.

Facility maintenance

The climate of Southeast Alaska is harsh on our aging churches and facilities, many of which do not have adequate parish resources to perform basic maintenance needs. The Diocese continues to address critical maintenance procedures in the missions, and to support reconstruction and repair in our parishes. The Cathedral in Juneau is in need of renovation for safety and accessibility.

Sacred Heart chapel, Hoonah



Vocations

The Faith in Action Appeal helps the Diocese support an active deacon formation program, as well as assist and encourage those men who are in discernment for the Diocesan priesthood.

(At left) Ron Mathews—deacon candidate—stands with Bishop Edward Burns.



For more details about the Faith in Action Appeal go to: www.dioceseofjuneau.org

Diocese of Juneau Faith in Action PLEDGE FORM



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Time & Talent:

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1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

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Oct. 2013 \$ _____ Nov. 2013 \$ _____

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