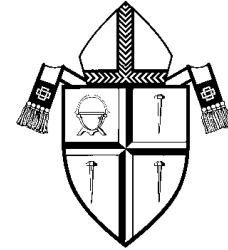


July 3, 2024



Dear Sister/s,

Summer graces of light, beauty and **hope** be yours! Indeed ---

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“ . . . let us become **SINGERS OF HOPE** in a world marked by too much despair. May our action, words, decisions of each day sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we are....**we want to sing of hope** so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity and **reawaken in every heart the joy & courage to embrace life to the full.**” So spoke Pope Francis at Vespers on May 9 after announcing the **2025 Jubilee Year** in his Decree, **Hope Does Not Disappoint**. It is a document worth reading and reflecting on. It urges us to “discover hope in the signs of the times by recognizing the immense goodness in our world, lest we be tempted to be overwhelmed by evil and violence.” Recently I had a powerful experience of the “goodness in our world” when viewing the IMAX film, *Deep Sky*. It is a stunning story of international cooperation and creative ingenuity resulting in the Webb Telescope. Breathtaking images of cosmic landscapes, nebulae, galaxies await you. **HOPE is brought to life!** It is well worth a visit to the Fleet Science Center Theater! A Summer treat of hope! May you know HOPE!

Mid-summer brings us to the time of year for gathering our Diocesan Census. I ask that you fill in the accompanying form(s) and return them to me by **August 15, 2024**. If that date is not possible for you, please return the forms **as soon as possible AFTER August 15**. Our data is needed by those working on the 2025 Diocesan Directory.

Please identify yourself as a 2025 Jubilarian if you will be celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 70th Jubilee!

It is important that we have the name & contact information of your MAJOR SUPERIOR (i.e., Superior General) on page 1. It is equally important that we have your REGIONAL or AREA Superior’s name on page 2.

Every year there are more requests for **Sisters to speak** at the Retirement Collection Sunday Masses (**December 7 - 8**). Materials for formulating your presentation are available. I also receive requests for Sisters to speak to groups of students and young adults. **PLEASE** consider signing up for this wonderful way to share your/our story!

Please duplicate the “NEW Sisters” form for anyone you know who has moved into our diocese or will be joining us soon. Should you want to fill in the forms on the computer, a fillable PDF is available on our website homepage: right hand column. First **DOWNLOAD** the form and **SAVE** it to your desktop. Then **FILL IT IN** and **SAVE** it to your desktop. Then, **ATTACH** it to an email and send it to me: kwarren@sdatholic.org.

If you know of a sister who will be arriving in late August or September, I would appreciate being informed in order to add her name to our communication mailings and have her name appear in the Diocesan Directory. Also, please let me know if any of your sisters have left or will be leaving our diocese.

The annual Sister’s **contribution to the Sisters Council remains at \$25.00 for each Sister (payable to the Sisters Council)**. This is used to cover costs of our Sisters Days which have no additional fees.

I look forward to receiving your forms & check by **August 15**. A self-addressed envelope is provided.

Every Blessing to you,

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