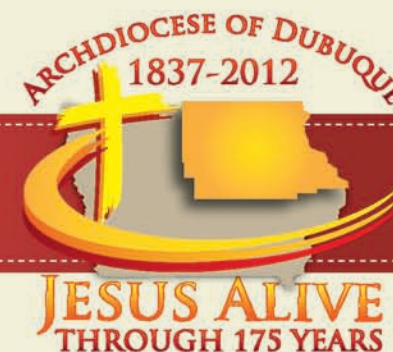


175TH PROCLAMATION



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Dubuque was established July 28, 1837. I announce to you a year of celebration of one hundred seventy five years of God's favor to members of the Archdiocese of Dubuque beginning on this twentieth day of November 2011, and concluding on the Feast of Christ the King on the twenty-fifth day of November 2012.

Our observance is an opportunity to:

- Recall in gratitude the heritage of faith given us by our ancestors who built churches and established parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable organizations
- Celebrate the great gifts and blessings that God has given to our Archdiocese
- Engage in spiritual renewal and evangelization to renew our Catholic faith
- Promote outreach to the estranged, inactive, and unchurched
- Look ahead to the future and continue the work that the Lord has entrusted to us in building up the Body of Christ, the Church, by calling forth expanded stewardship of time, talent, and treasure

We recommit ourselves to our Archdiocesan Mission Statement:

We, the Church of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, are God's people,

- gathering together as a Eucharistic **community** to worship,
- sharing the **Word of God**,
- affirming traditional and emerging **leadership** roles,
- and supporting **families** to model Catholic faith and morality for the next generation.

May this year of celebration help us to build upon the legacy of faith that we have received and rededicate ourselves to continue building upon that legacy so it can be celebrated and embraced by future generations.

Given this twentieth day of November 2011.

Archbishop of Dubuque

