

Letter from the archbishop

Archbishop reaffirms value of The Witness

Dear friends in Christ,

Ninety years ago the first issue of *The Witness* was distributed.

It included 20 pages — all text and no pictures, with several pages of ads.

The size was similar to our current paper and the annual subscription was \$2.



Archbishop Hanus

In celebration of this milestone, the center section of this week's issue is a quick journey through the years.

The *Witness* has recorded the last nine decades of the history of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. As we plan for the 175th anniversary of our archdiocese, *The Witness* will be a great resource, providing many details from history that we may have forgotten.



The *Witness* continues to nurture a spirit of community in our local church. By telling the stories of local and world-

wide people and events, it supports communion among us and with the universal Church.

I encourage you to support this quality paper by keeping your subscription up-to-date and giving gift subscriptions to others.

May the history of the past 90 years of *The Witness* inspire us as we continue our efforts to communicate and build the spirit of Church in our Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Jerome Hanus, OSB