In short, gospel means good news and we can surely use some good news right now. The best news we will ever receive is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ crucified is risen! Alleluia! He has taken our sins upon himself and conquered death! As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we all share in a common mission to proclaim the Good News, to proclaim God’s goodness.

I am grateful for you and for all your gifts of time, talent and treasure in service to your local parish and the Diocese of Marquette. With your help the Church in the U.P. continues to thrive. We have a robust vocations program supporting eight seminarians. A Catholic high school is reopening offering in-person learning in Escanaba and distance learning to students across the U.P. The Marriage Tribunal brings healing at no charge to participants. Campus and young adult ministries are helping to form young people for mission.

Because of you, the Church in the U.P. is able to provide many vital ministries that welcome all people into the Body of Christ. The call to mission is lifelong and includes handing on the faith to the next generation. The enclosed newsletter, especially the article on “UPCSA: The Next Generation,” speaks to this.

The Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA) is the primary source of funding and core support for our shared mission. This appeal, made annually to all members of the Catholic Church in the U.P., invites each of us to participate more fully and more deeply in the mission by supporting many vital ministries.

By making a response to UPCSA, you help to form our Church for mission and to share our faith with others.

To help your parish reach its target goal, please complete the pledge card below and return it to your parish as soon as possible. Thank you again, and may God’s abundant blessings be upon you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL
Bishop of Marquette

P.S. I invite you to consider making a personal response to UPCSA this year. Even if you are unable to pledge a monetary amount, please consider selecting the “pray” option on the card below and offer a prayer to the Lord for the evangelizing mission of the Church in the U.P.