



DIocese OF SUPERIOR

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2, 2019

Greetings fathers, parish life coordinators, parish directors, catechetical leaders, and lay leaders/business administrators,

On April 29th and 30th, 2019, the Diocese will be leading a trip for high school students and chaperones to the State Capitol in Madison for a very important event called *Catholics at the Capitol*.

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference organizes *Catholics at the Capitol* every other year as a way of gathering Catholics from around the state for prayer, formation and advocacy. This action-packed event consists of prayer services led by the five Wisconsin Bishops, a keynote talk and breakout sessions on topics such as Catholic Social Teaching, leadership and the many social issues prevalent in our culture such as poverty, right-to-life issues and more. To conclude the day, we will visit our state representatives' offices.

In the past, the majority of the participants came from the Dioceses of Madison and Milwaukee, with some participants from Green Bay and La Crosse, but very few if any from the Superior Diocese. At a gathering this fall, my brother bishops strongly encouraged me to facilitate a trip for the young people of our Diocese. The bishops went so far as to each donate \$1000 toward such a trip. Thanks to their generosity and the generosity of the donors to the Bishop's Legacy Circle, our diocese will be able to take a bus load of young people to this important event this year! The trip will only cost the teens and chaperones \$25 per person and will include a chartered bus ride to Madison, a night in a hotel, breakfast and lunch, and admission to the conference! Participants would be responsible for 2 meals.

This event would constitute a great opportunity for youth in your parish who exhibit strong leadership skills in either Church or civic matters, to get more deeply invested in the Catholic Church at the diocesan and even state-wide level, and to be exposed to the intersection of faith with politics and social advocacy.

To promote participation in this event, I would like to ask you to personally invite a few of your youth who have shown strong leadership skills to attend. We ask that you please make this invitation as soon as possible and register your young people and chaperones. We will take one bus and seats are first come first served. The deadline for registrations is March 15th, 2019.

Forms and registration information are available on the diocesan website at catholicdos.org/catholics-at-the-capitol. The current list of speakers and topics is not yet available, but will be published on our website as soon as it is made public.

Thank you for your support of this important event!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior