



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

It is with a sense of deep joy that I celebrate this momentous milestone with you! It has been a blessing to serve as your chief shepherd these past six years and to have a small part in your rich history.

On this centennial celebration we thank God for the blessings of Sacred Heart Parish and the Hungarian immigrants who were filled with such zeal and love for Christ that they heeded the Lord's call to help found a parish in the Muskegon region - one which they could claim as their own. Through this witness they provided a foundation of faith which strengthens you in your mission today - to proclaim the Gospel in both Word and Sacrament.

In celebrating this anniversary, we reflect not only on Sacred Heart's humble beginnings, but we also look to the future. This is your time to embrace the past and to provide a steady foundation for the next generation of Catholics in Muskegon Heights. It is with the same zeal of your founders that I embolden you to renew your promise to be faithful in Christ and to go forth as Christian witnesses in these times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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