



Diocese of Davenport

Office of the Bishop

Giving witness to God's glory

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are on a journey as a diocese to give witness to the glory of God in our lives, and *The Catholic Messenger* is chronicling every step. Through its multimedia platform – print, e-edition, website, podcasts and social media – *The Catholic Messenger* will provide in-depth coverage of the diocesan three-year initiative that begins this June with a focus on welcoming and belonging.

Throughout its 141-year-history, *The Catholic Messenger* has adapted and responded to the communication needs of the faithful of our diocese. Its longevity is proof that the publication is an effective resource to inform, educate and inspire us as we go out and share the Good News with others.

Last year, *The Catholic Messenger* created a sounding board of young adult Catholics to provide guidance on reaching others, which led to the creation of a new podcast, Catholic Messenger Conversations 2 (CMC2) and an e-newsletter, “The Catholic Messenger Express.” These new communication resources are in addition to the existing Catholic Messenger Conversations podcast and *The Catholic Messenger’s* Facebook, Instagram and Twitter social media platforms.

Young adult columnists, including Evangelization Director Patrick Schmadeke, Social Media Coordinator Sarah Adams and Jenna Ebener, among others, add breadth and depth to inspire readers. The addition this year of Father Thom Hennen as the Question Box columnist enriches the offerings contained in *The Catholic Messenger*.

As the bishop’s publication, *The Catholic Messenger* communicates news of the diocese to parishes and shares their stories with a broad audience. Our diocesan newspaper is an effective, economical communication tool that connects us to the Good News of Jesus Christ as lived out in our local Church and universal Church. Check out *The Catholic Messenger’s* website at www.catholicmessenger.net, which is the gateway to the publication’s media platforms, including the e-edition.

This weekend, parishes kick off the 2023 subscription drive. To help encourage more people to subscribe, all households in the diocese will receive one free print edition of *The Catholic Messenger* on January 19 and free access to the e-edition from January 19 to February 19. No other media, print or digital, covers the Catholic Church in our diocese with the expertise and integrity of *The Catholic Messenger*. It is a real value at \$30 per year for 50 issues — print, e-edition or both. Watch for the subscription drive in your parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Thomas R. Zinkula
Bishop of Davenport