

December 1, 2010

Dear Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators, Parochial Administrators and Campus Ministers:

Over the past decade, we have received \$907,575 in grants from Catholic Extension. As many of you know, Catholic Extension continues to partner with our diocese, providing much-needed resources to:

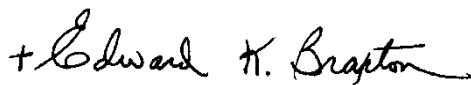
- Fund basic ministries, parish operations, and salary subsidies for priests and women religious;
- Offer religious education and outreach ministries, including campus ministry programs;
- Build and renovate church buildings and parish facilities;
- Train lay, religious and ordained Catholic leaders;
- Become more efficient and self-sustaining in our financial and operational capacities.

What you may not realize is that one of the ways Catholic Extension raises money is through its calendar program. If your parish currently uses calendars from another vendor, or doesn't offer calendar, I would encourage you to consider purchasing your 2012 calendars through Catholic Extension. They are actually the only non-profit calendar provider, and they give away 100 percent of the proceeds from annual calendar sales to dioceses in need. Although other calendar providers may claim to be charitable, they are for-profit companies and only donate a small percentage to charitable causes. Proceeds from Catholic Extension calendars make it possible to assist a number of mission parishes in our diocese. Ordering Catholic Extension calendars demonstrates our appreciation and support, while also providing your parish community a beautiful religious appointment calendar.

To obtain pricing, ordering, and imprinting information, as well as samples of the four 2012 calendar, please contact Tom Finnegan in the Catholic Extension Calendar Department at 1-800-292-5955 or by e-mail at tfinnegan@catholicextension.org. You also can visit www.Catholicextension.org 2011 calendars.

My deepest thanks for considering this request. May God continue to bless you in your efforts to spread the Good News among the people entrusted to your care.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville