



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to announce that in early January 2007, every registered Catholic home in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will begin receiving a monthly magazine titled *FAITH Grand Rapids*. It uses a fresh approach of combining personal faith stories with relevant columns on parenting, spirituality, marriage, work and more. Diocesan news and Catholic news from around the nation and world are also in each issue, and the most current diocesan news continues to appear on our Web site at [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org).

The format of the magazine came from the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan where the magazine originated six years ago. FAITH is the fastest-growing Catholic magazine in the country. The Diocese of Grand Rapids' version will have unique and engaging stories about parishioners from our diocese along with local news. We also will use the columns and successful FAITH magazine format that now reaches approximately half a million readers in about a dozen dioceses across the country.

*FAITH Grand Rapids* will reach the more than 55,000 registered households in our 102 parishes and missions. The first six publications will be funded through your generous support of Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). After July 1, 2007 the magazine will be funded by the parishes of our diocese.

*FAITH Grand Rapids* is an exciting outreach of the diocese and I am eager to share it with you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley  
Bishop of Grand Rapids