

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our beautiful Cathedral! During 2025 and through early January 2026, we will be participating in the Church's Jubilee 2025 year as a Diocese of Superior pilgrimage site. The theme selected by Pope Francis is Pilgrims of Hope, and the Jubilee year began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. This year of grace offers the Catholic faithful an opportunity for spiritual renewal, emphasizing themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the universal call to holiness. Recognizing that all the faithful may not be able to travel to foreign destinations to participate in a pilgrimage, the Pope has therefore encouraged every Diocese worldwide to select sites to allow for pilgrimages within their own community where there is a presence of God and true devotion.

The Cathedral of Christ the King is one of two pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Superior and we encourage you to plan a visit to St. Joseph in La Pointe, as well as other Diocesan locations across the country. We recommend scheduling individual or group visits which will allow for a tour and prayer time.

On Christmas Eve, 2027, the Cathedral will be celebrating it's 100th Anniversary! I have been reflecting on how our parish has been a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ for our city and our Diocese, and I am humbled at the tremendous faith that I have witnessed over my own twenty-seven years of priesthood serving our Cathedral family. I think of the sacrifices so many have made for our Cathedral; during the Great Depression, World War II and the economic tough times in the 1980's when Superior experienced profound economic change. Through the ups and downs, we have supported one another and grown, showing that when we work together God gives us hope, grace and strength beyond our wildest expectations.

May we all experience these same blessings of hope, grace and strength throughout the Jubilee Year.

Peace,

Fr. Andrew Ricci

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