

May grace of Easter endure

April 20, 2000

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week, dear friends, I wish to do nothing more than to express my hope that this Easter feast will be a source of rich blessings and much peace to you and your loved ones.

along the way



BY BISHOP MATTHEW H. CLARK

During these weeks of Lent we have opened our hearts to God and neighbor through acts of prayer, fasting and alms giving. We have prayed with great affection for our sisters and brothers who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We have done our best to be in touch with the deepest streams of life, so that we might come close to our beloved Christ in the Easter feast.

Now that we approach our celebration of the great Paschal Mystery, I hope that we do so in peace and with a deep confidence that God goes beyond our faults and failings to embrace our good intentions and the desire of our hearts for deeper life.

I promise you my prayers during these holy days and ask for yours — not only for myself but also for all of the women and men, and boys and girls of our diocese. It is my hope that, touched by Easter grace, we will continue to live in the days ahead what we will celebrate on that great feast.

Peace to all.

Your brother in Christ,

† Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester



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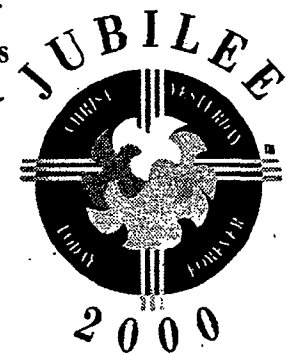
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Forgiveness of debt is basic to the biblical concept of Jubilee, which calls us to give those overwhelmed by unpayable debt a chance to start over.

Such debt ravages many of the world's developing nations, but also saps the vitality of parishes in our own diocese. These struggling faith communities must divert resources from important ministries to meet financial obligations.

To relieve their burdens, Bishop Matthew H. Clark has established a Jubilee Debt-Forgiveness Fund that will be used for the forgiveness of debt. In this Lenten season of renewal and new beginnings, please consider joining the Diocese, parishes and schools in contributing to this fund as a sign of unconditional hope for the new millennium.



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