

# 50th Anniversary celebration schedule set

## THREE REGIONAL EVENTS IN 2007-'08

These events are designed to encourage regional participation in the anniversary observance but are open to the entire diocese as well.

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

### *Remembering the Past* Regions 1 and 6 (eastern part of the diocese)

A Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests, and Deacons (Clergy) will be held at the Church of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson at 7:00 p.m. Bishops from the province and around the country will be invited to this celebration.

JUNE 29, 2008

### *Celebrating the Present* Regions 2 and 5 (central part of the diocese)

A Diocesan Festival will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Willmar Civic Center in Willmar. Special events and a Mass will commemorate the first Mass celebrated in the diocese on the eastern shore of Green Lake by French missionary, Fr. Michael Guingas, S.J., in 1746. A picnic supper will follow.

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

### *Looking to the Future* Regions 3 and 4 (western part of the diocese)

A Closing Celebration will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall. There will be a special program and prayer service, concluding with a supper.

## THREE PARISH CELEBRATIONS 2007-'08

These events are being designed so that every parish and Area Faith Community can share in the anniversary observance.

### 1. NOVEMBER 17-18, 2007

Special liturgy suggestions will be available and Bishop Nienstedt will preach the homily (via visual or audio format.) He will also reflect on the second annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

### 2. JANUARY 1, 2008

Mary, the Mother of God, whose feast is celebrated on this date, is the patroness of the Diocese of New Ulm. A special liturgy will be prepared in her honor.

### 3. NOVEMBER 15-16, 2008

Special liturgy suggestions will be available and Bishop Nienstedt will preach the homily (via visual or audio format) for the conclusion of the anniversary year. He will also reflect on the third annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

## PARISH DISPLAYS

Throughout the anniversary year, each parish is encouraged to display their parish history. A diocesan display depicting history of the diocese will also be made available to each parish.

## VIDEO HISTORY

A video history of the first 50 years of the diocese is currently in production and will be distributed for viewing in every parish in November of 2007.

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Most of the regular diocesan events will incorporate the anniversary theme, "a Loving People in a Holy Place – Un Pueblo Amoroso en un Lugar Santo." In addition, there will be several special opportunities such as:

**HERITAGE TOUR TO ULM, NEU ULM, AND ROME**, will be led by Bishop Nienstedt in late July of 2008.

**PHOTO HISTORIES AND COLOR CALENDARS** of the Diocese of New Ulm will be available for purchase.

**OUTREACH PROJECTS** will be announced at the initial diocesan event in November of 2007.

**AREA MISSIONS** The Redemptorist Mission Team of Chicago, Illinois will preach 30 missions in the Diocese of New Ulm during Lent of 2008. These missions will begin an evangelization process in all of the parishes and Area Faith Communities in the diocese. The missions are scheduled from late January to early April of 2008. (Read more on page 1 of this issue.)

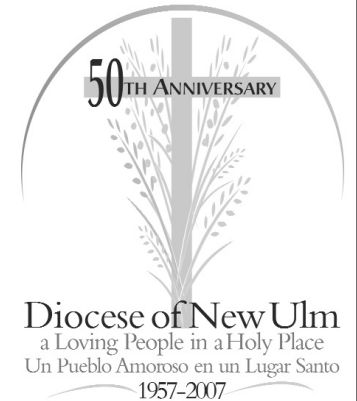
## Anniversary logo includes images that represent Diocese of New Ulm

The logo for the 50th Anniversary observance of the Diocese of New Ulm was designed to represent the diocese. For example:

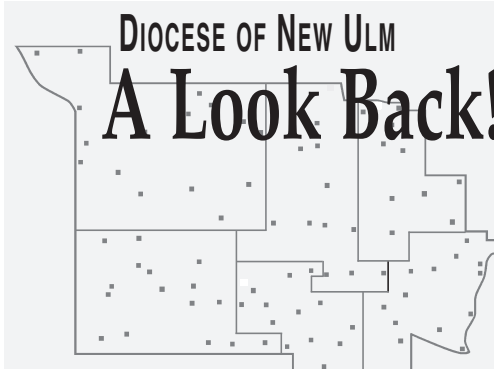
THE **CROSS** symbolizes the centrality of Jesus and His mission in the life of the diocese.

THE **WHEAT** symbolizes the rural nature of the diocese and the grain that is made into bread which becomes the Body of Christ.

THE **HALF-CIRCLE** suggests several views: the host and the Eucharist that gathers us as God's people; our loving God watching over us and guiding us in all that we do; the "firmament" or "dome" from the creation story



in *Genesis 1* calling us "to create the world anew"; and an "unfinished circle" that challenges us to renew our commitment to proclaim and live the message of Jesus like our ancestors in faith.



**EDITOR'S NOTE: Beginning with this issue, and consecutive issues leading up to the diocese's 50th Anniversary on November 18, 2007, *The Prairie Catholic* will take a "look back" at some of the important history of the Diocese of New Ulm. If there is a piece of history that you would like us to consider publishing in our "A Look Back" column, please contact *The Prairie Catholic*, 1400 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073; (507) 359-2966; email: [dnu@dnu.org](mailto:dnu@dnu.org).**

Following is an excerpt of an article as published in the December 7, 1957 issue of *The Catholic Bulletin*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul:

Pope Pius XII has set up a new diocese in Minnesota and raised two Minnesota priests to the ranks of the hierarchy. The Holy Father divided the Archdiocese of

St. Paul, creating the new Diocese of New Ulm embracing 15 counties formerly in the St. Paul archdiocese.

With the establishment of a new diocese at New Ulm, we can expect that the counties in west central Minnesota will have a more intensified Catholic life under the close direction of Bishop-elect Alphonse J. Schladweiler. The counties placed in Bishop-elect Schladweiler's jurisdiction are Big Stone, Brown, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Redwood, Renville, Sibley, Swift, and Yellow Medicine.

The diocese will be served by 93 diocesan priests and two priests of religious orders. Sisters in the diocese number 283.

The diocese begins with seven parish high schools, 37 elementary schools and two hospitals. There are 84 parishes and 10 missions in the territory, which has a total population of about 283,984. The diocese embraces 9,863 square miles.

Trinity Church, New Ulm, was designated as the Cathedral church in the new see city.

(\*\*According to the Kenedy Report of 1958 there were 68,094 Catholics in the Diocese of New Ulm.)