



ORTHODOX BISHOP OF WESTERN AMERICA
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May 14, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with joy in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

With these words of St. Paul, I would like to express to you my great joy and thankfulness for the love, concern and commitment that you have expressed over the years for the continued growth of the Western American Diocese.

Forty-six years ago, our Diocese was established and today I am pleased to share with you that our Diocese is full of life and many wonderful and exciting things are happening.

Our camps are full of young children eager to learn more about our faith and our history. Our Youth and Young Adult retreats and seminars attract and inspire many. Our Annual Diocesan Days provides an opportunity for our faithful to come together in one place, as one family, in prayer and fellowship. All of these wonderful events are only made possible through the generous contributions of our faithful.

This year our Diocese will hold its 13th Annual Diocesan Days on Labor Day weekend, September 4 through September 6, in Jackson, California. We take this opportunity to appeal to you, a steward of our Diocese, to support this very important and uplifting event. We are seeking sponsors to help underwrite some of the many costs incurred in organizing such an event. We have two categories of sponsorship: Gold at \$1,000 and Silver at \$500. We take this opportunity to ask you to consider making a gift to the Diocese by becoming one of our sponsors this year.

We would also like to make an appeal to you to purchase an Ad/Greeting in our "Annual", a special publication highlighting the events and progress that have been made in the Western American Diocese during the past year.

If you would like to contribute to our Diocesan Days gathering, as a sponsor or by submitting the enclosed Greeting/Ad Form, please make your check payable to "Western American Diocese" and mail your donation to: The Western American Diocese, 1621 West Garvey Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803 and return by June 15, 2009.

We pray that our Diocesan Days tradition continues to be a most blessed occasion for prayer, fellowship and witness for the life and work of our beloved Diocese. Once again, thank you for your generous support and thoughtful consideration. May the grace, love and the communion of the Holy Trinity be with you and your loved ones as you continue your good works of stewardship in the Western American Diocese.

With brotherly love and esteem in Christ,

Right Reverend Bishop Maxim
Bishop of Western America