

Easter 2008



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Alleluia Christ is Risen! In forty days a group of cyclists will be setting off from Keokuk on a clockwise journey which will take them around the Diocese to arrive at Pentecost back in Iowa City. Their purpose is to raise money to provide clean water devices for the people of Swaziland and the Sudan.

I invite you to contribute to their cause, the Waters of Hope project, through this annual Bishop's appeal.

With the focus on water, I am suggesting that we might be creative in how we raise funds. Enclosed with this letter is a cut out diagram of a collection box. I invite you to cut out the box and put it together with tape or glue, make a slit in the top, and place the box next to your water tap, or refrigerator – wherever you fill up a glass for water – and for every glass of water you fill, put a quarter in the box.

This could be a family affair, or something you share with your house guests when you throw a dinner party, or even you could approach your favorite restaurant and see if they would display a box for donations for customer's free glasses of water at meals. A full box could hold \$25-30. See which family unit could fill up the most boxes. Bring the coins to the church, and have the Church treasurer deposit them and send a check payable to the Diocese of Iowa marked *Waters of Hope*.

Some of you might want to make a direct contribution. You can do this directly online by following directions on the web site: [www.watersofhope.org](http://www.watersofhope.org) The online process takes checks as well as credit or debit Visa/Mastercards. (In fact I have just made a donation using that online feature, and IT WORKS.)

Over the past three years, we have raised more than \$ 100,000 for the Bishop's Appeal. I believe that we can match that in one year through this worthy cause and the creative means to give.

In the name of the One who said "I am Living Water" whoever drinks of this water shall never thirst again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Scarfe".

+ Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa

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