

April 2, 2015  
Holy Thursday

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It was a little over a month ago, on February 11, 2015, World Day of the Sick, that I wrote you and the other bishops of the United States on behalf of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) a letter of gratitude to you for your pastoral leadership in caring for the ill, aging, and dying. I also mentioned in that letter that we would be sending just to the ordinaries of the (arch) dioceses again this year, as we have done in previous years, another letter that included a list of those NACC members who work and/or reside in their respective (arch) dioceses.

I am mindful that I send this to you on Holy Thursday, “on the day before he was to suffer for our salvation...” As the NACC leaders chose the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo affixed to this envelop, they were mindful of the Eucharistic symbolism of the wheat, and Jesus’ counsel, “unless a grain of wheat fall and die.” Daily our NACC members encounter with others the mystery of suffering and death, and the Paschal Mystery we commemorate during this holy week. The NACC thanks you for your support of these members who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church.

Included with this letter to you, as an ordinary, is the list of our members who indicate that they serve in your (arch) diocese. This list includes both our certified and our non-certified members. We did not include our members who only reside in your diocese. Perhaps you will recognize the names of many or all of them, or you will pass this list to the person you have delegated to oversee this ministry. Our members understand that continuing the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church means being part of the local church in that ministry.

Also I am including here again the examples of how some (arch) dioceses are developing ways to communicate with and incorporate our NACC ministers into the life and organization of the (arch) dioceses. If I can be of assistance to you or your delegate in communicating with our members in your (arch) diocese please let me know. Please do not hesitate to contact me at our office in Milwaukee (414-483-4898) or by email at [dlichter@nacc.org](mailto:dlichter@nacc.org). The NACC is committed to preparing and supporting the health care ministers who serve the needs of the faithful in your (arch) diocese.

In Christ,

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Executive Director

cc: Bishop Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Gary, Episcopal Liaison to the NACC