



DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE

OFFICE OF BISHOP

Thanksgiving 2006

Dear Parishioner,

As our country prepares to celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving on Thursday, let us please keep in mind the significant relevance this day has for our own faith tradition. The essence of Catholic Stewardship is gratitude, recognition that all we have is a gift from God. It is my prayer and hope that all of us can take a few moments from a busy day to account for our many blessings.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your bishop. I will remember you and your loved ones in my masses and in the following prayer on Thanksgiving Day. I invite you to pray with me:

God, Creator and Giver of all that is good,
We thank you for our many blessings.
Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge
that all that we have is from you.
Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for
the beauty of the earth, our work, our family
and our loved ones.

In the dawning of a new day, you are with us.
In each dark hour you are here.
Blessed by your grace, we show gratitude to
you by sharing what we have.
By serving our brothers and sisters,
we serve you.

As you protect and guide us on our journey,
we remain ever grateful for your constant love.

Amen

God Bless,

Most Reverend John H. Ricard, SSJ
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