



## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP WUERL

Dear Friends in Christ:

Recently Mary Beth Green, the Pittsburgh staff liaison for Catholic Helping Elderly Attain Repairs Today Work Camp, was kind enough to invite me to join all of the students, chaperones, and staff of the Catholic H.E.A.R.T. Work Camp as you gather in Pittsburgh for a week of service, fellowship and prayer. While a previous long-standing commitment keeps me from being with you in person, I join you in a spirit of gratitude to God for our Catholic faith and in solidarity of commitment to service of others.

We are challenged by our Lord to see in others a reflection of the very person of Christ so that we can respond to the needs of others with the same care and love with which we would respond to Christ himself. The scriptures tell us that whenever we see even the least of the brethren in need, we should see Jesus.

As demanding as this challenge is, it is also rewarding to know that this is the way in which we build up the kingdom of God. Every time we do a good work, provide an act of caring service, or extend a hand in friendship and love, we help to manifest in this world something of the love and the power of God's kingdom as it attempts to break into our lives. Your efforts to help the elderly by repairing their homes is a witness to the love of Christ in your hearts and the coming of his kingdom in our community.

As you begin this week, I ask God's blessings on you, your work, and all of those whom you help in so beautiful a manner.

Faithfully in Christ,

Bishop of Pittsburgh

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