

Bishop's Office Message for February, 2004

Dear Partners in Ministry,

The season of Epiphany focuses on the light of Christ dawning on a darkened world. The image of the star which led the wise men to Jesus reminds us that the God who created the universe uses creation to point to God's activity among us. Scientists desperately search for clues for the origins of life, and we wonder with them as probes on Mars send back information that may reveal whether there is life there or not. Meanwhile, we affirm with confidence that the God who created all things did indeed come among us as a child in Bethlehem, revealed to sages through a sign in the heavens, and continues to live among us through the Holy Spirit.

As the arctic region of our synod emerges from polar night, this powerful visual aid reminds us once again that the light of Christ which dawned 2000 years ago is powerfully among us yet, and shines through you and me and all the baptized into a world which still reels under the darkness of violence and despair. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May the light of Christ scatter the darkness and illumine Christ's Church

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