



Diocese of Des Moines

*A Journey Together  
Celebrating Evangelization:  
Past, Present and Future*

December 21, 2010

Pacem in Terris  
PO Box 418  
St. Francis, MN 55070

My experiences over many years as a frequent hermit at *Pacem in Terris* are captured in a phrase from Psalm 46:

“Be still and know that I am God  
supreme among the nations,  
supreme on the earth.”

Immersed in silence and surrounded by God’s handiwork, nature, one slips into His presence at *Pacem*. One is overwhelmed by the incredible reality of creation and simultaneously deeply comforted by the expression of care and love for me as an individual. This unique presence of God generates perspective, and affords a glimpse into unfathomable mystery.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Pates', with a cross symbol to the left.

The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates  
Bishop of Des Moines

Enclosure

*The celebration symbol of  
the cross surrounded by  
fields and furrowed soil  
was created for the  
papal visit in 1979.*