



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

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## Statement from Bishop Walter Hurley on the current economic crisis:

*“The current financial crisis has affected everyone in one way or another.*

*As believers in a God who promises to be with us, we trust that God will give us what we need – not always what we want. When all is well we may be inclined to place our trust and hope in ourselves, other people, our employers or the government. We can even develop a sense of entitlement.*

*The current financial situation challenges us to reflect on the way we live and the values that are important to us. It reminds us that we are the stewards of God’s gifts and we are called to use His many gifts in accord with His will. I am grateful for the efforts of Catholic Charities West Michigan and our parishes for the generous assistance they offer to those in need.*

*Our hope, as Christians, is in God and the love He revealed to us in Christ Jesus, who is present in Word, sacrament and community. A crisis passes; God and His love remain.”*

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