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##### Catholic Family Services 21st Annual *Gift of Hope* event“Lighting the Path to Hope and Healing” – A Candlelight Celebration

##### Saturday, April 10th – Sunset – OR – approximately 8:15 p.m.

Please join us for our upcoming *Gift of Hope* fundraising event, benefiting Catholic Family Services, on Saturday April 10th on Duluth Avenue in front of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This will be an outdoor candlelight vigil, *“Lighting the Path to Hope and Healing*”, bringing people of our diocese together to hear inspirational messages from Bishop Donald DeGrood and CFS Exec Director Emily Leedom, along with beautiful praise and worship music. A moment of remembrance will take place to honor long-time CFS Director, Dr Marcie Moran, who passed away January 21st.

During these difficult times in our world, we all have special intentions we would like to pray over. Let us come together as individuals, families and faith groups to support one another.

*Gift of Hope* candles and luminaries will be pre-sold and ceremonially lit during this event. Proceeds from these sales benefit the Gift of Hope Endowment Fund. Through this fund, CFS is able to offer programs that support human flourishing in times of grief, uncertainty or transition. Your participation supports: Camp Sydney (a youth grief camp), support groups for separated & divorced, grief support groups, counseling for high school students and teachers, pornography education & prevention, healing retreats, natural family planning and so much more!

These candles and luminaries, will be blessed by Bishop and can be personalized to remember or honor individuals or any specific prayer intention you may have. Following the event, you can take these home with you and light in your homes as you pray for your intentions. The light of a candle is a powerful symbol for us. It signifies God’s presence and beckons us to remain present with him. Christ tells us, “I have come to the world as its light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark” John 12:46

We will be pre-selling the candles and luminaries. If you are unable to attend the event in person, we will light and display them on your behalf. For more information and to order visit ccfesd.org, email us at events@ccfesd.org or call our office at 605-988-3765.



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This past year has been a challenging for all of us, and particularly trying for those suffering the loss of a loved one or going through difficult personal situations. This year the Gif*t of Hope* fundraising event will offer a beautiful candlelight ceremony, entitled “Lighting the Path to Hope and Healing”. This event has been uniquely designed to allow all persons from throughout our diocese to join in unity (either in person or spiritually) to heal the wounds of our past and to light the path of hope for our future.

For those able to join us in person, we will gather on Duluth Avenue in front of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, where we will hear inspirational messages and music and at dark, we will light our candles in unity and support. For those unable to join us in person, we will be honored to light and display your candles and luminaries on your behalf at the event.

You can pre-purchase your *Gift of Hope* candles and luminaries in remembrance or honor of individuals or any specific prayer intention you may have. At the end of the event, you can take these home with you and light as you pray for your intentions. Proceeds from these sales benefit Catholic Family Services’ Gift of Hope Endowment Fund. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the Cathedral. For more information and to order visit ccfesd.org, email us at events@ccfesd.org or call our office at 605-988-3765.