



Diocese of Des Moines

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

April 16, 2010

To the AMOS Leaders:

I wish to send a note of congratulation on the good work in organizing that you accomplished with AMOS during this past year. As the Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, I am pleased to see that so many congregations are active in the work of social justice through the efforts of AMOS.

The work of social justice is never easy or is it quick to bring about in our culture. Thus I am grateful to AMOS for helping us to remember and proclaim the scriptural message of social justice in our worship. Thank you also for helping us carry that good news into our daily lives.

In following the work of AMOS, I can detect the hard work of identifying issues, doing the required research and recommending steps for achieving social justice. Your efforts serve to provide a voice to the voiceless and the under-represented.

May your leadership in AMOS enable us to continue to bring about social justice in our local communities.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard E. Pates'. The signature is written in black ink and is preceded by a small plus sign.

The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates  
Bishop of Des Moines

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