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Dear Friends in Christ,

During World Youth Day 2008, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed the Christian's transforming purpose, accomplished through the gift of the Holy Spirit. *"In the end, life is not about accumulation. It is much more than success. To be truly alive is to be transformed from within, open to the energy of God's love. In accepting the power of the Holy Spirit you too can transform your families, communities and nations."*

The Global Institute for Transformation (GIFT) is a cross-denominational ministry that's helping transform lives so we'll live, and love, more like Jesus -- and transform our world. Given all the challenges in today's world, GIFT is sorely needed.

Through several ministries ranging from production of posters and note-cards to establishing water filtration systems in third world countries, GIFT is helping people be transformed by using their time, talent and treasure with the power of the Holy Spirit in their own families, communities and nations.

I enthusiastically support the mission of GIFT and encourage you to be open as Pope Benedict XVI said, "to the energy of God's love," through the many opportunities which GIFT offers to be transformed by the power of Jesus' love.

I am sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss  
Archbishop of Omaha