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Dear <<Salutation>>,

May the Lord give you peace!

A few weeks ago, I invited you to join our brothers and sisters throughout our beloved Diocese to once again, show your support for the Diocesan Annual Appeal – *Stewards of Hope*. Your participation, as you know, is significant in promoting the Church's mission to steward hope for the coming generations.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Jesus is our hope because he renews everything. He builds, and He *re*-builds." By your financial support to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, we, as a community of believers, are His community of builders and rebuilders. There are 38 charitable, pastoral, and educational missions in our Diocese. Each of them shares Christ's generous mercy inspiring hope to the thousands who experience the compassionate Gospel daily in every corner of our Diocese and all around the world. At its core, the Diocesan Annual Appeal is all about the use our time, talent, and treasure, to humbly perform works of mercy and serve as beacons of Hope as effectively as we can, fulfilling the mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our work as Disciples of Christ is never finished!

Your generous financial support has provided for our shared work in the past. In your charity, I humbly ask that you, please renew your gift of and invest in the good works of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your sacrificial gifts enable Hope to become a reality in the many lives that are weakened by a world of sadness and discouragement. Candidly, without your donations, these 38 missions in our Diocese, our hope-inspiring works of mercy, could not continue.

Thank you for your generous spirit and consideration of this request. May God reward you and bless you and your family. May the joys of Christmas be yours now and throughout the new year.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

P.S. YOUR GIFT MAY HAVE PASSED THIS LETTER IN THE MAIL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Servant of God; Father Joseph Walijewski – pray for us!