

Dear <<Salutation>>,

May the peace of the Lord be with you,

As we transition from the joyous celebration of Christmas into the New Year, I am deeply grateful for your unwavering support for our Diocese. Our unity as a community, anchored in Christ's love and our shared commitment to serving those in need, holds profound significance during this winter season.

As we fondly reflect on the joys of the Christmas season just passed and as we box up and put away our seasonal decorations, let us not forget our brothers and sisters who cannot simply pack and store away their persistent needs. I ask you to participate generously in our Diocesan Annual Appeal. Drawing inspiration from Ecclesiastes 4:12, this year's theme emphasizes the strength and unity found in journeying together on the path of the Lord:

*"When one may be overcome alone, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken."*

These words echo our shared journey as children of God. Our unity in faith creates an unbreakable bond, and as we anticipate the arrival of spring and remember the Lord's Passion, let's contemplate the transformative power of unity in supporting those in need.

At the heart of our Diocesan Annual Appeal lies a profound demonstration of our devotion to God and our dedication to one another. This initiative sustains 38 vital ministries focused on Catholic faith formation, seminarian education, and advocating for the development and healing of the marginalized. Reflecting on the recent Christmas season, let's envision how our collective efforts can positively impact the lives of others.

I sincerely encourage you to prayerfully consider the impact of your generosity and contribution to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal for those in need. As we anticipate transitioning from the quiet expectancy of winter to the promising renewal of spring, let's radiate Christ's hope and God's love by extending support to those who require it.

May the promise of a hopeful New Year inspire us to journey together in faith, guided by the illuminating light of Christ. Your compassionate assistance will undoubtedly make a tangible difference in the lives of many. Thank you for considering how your support can make a meaningful impact.

With personal good wishes and prayers, I am,