



Dear Friends in Christ,

*In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us.
Ephesians 1:7-8*

Every year, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides the opportunity to share with one another the gifts bestowed by Almighty God, in imitation of our Heavenly Father, who created us and sustains us in perfect love and compassion. When we share what we can – a prayer, a positive thought, a smile, a gift – what we are really doing is giving a part of ourselves to another person, in imitation of Christ, in whose sacrifice we find true life and salvation. When we share in faith, hope, and charity, the result is an entirely new way of belonging to one another – a prompting of the heart in imitation of the Holy Spirit, who makes all things new.

Your support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides vital assistance to our diocesan parishes, missions, and schools. The sacrifices made in support of this annual initiative are returned as blessings to our historic mission Diocese year after year: gifts of faithful families, new Catholics, interest in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, growing vocations, strong catechetical programs, and ministries to the lost, the least, and the last among us.

I invite you to pray for the ministries and activities the Lord has placed on your heart, and consider how you might respond to His call, giving with a joyous generosity and receiving in celebration and gratitude.

For those who are able, I ask you to support the mission of our local Church through a gift to the 2026 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Together, we invite the unbounded grace of God to work through us as a gift to one another and to the world.

Please know of my prayers for you, your families, and your intentions. Thank you for remembering me, as well as our clergy, religious brothers and sisters, and those in need, in your prayers. May we meet each day in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*



In Christ,

+ *Stephen D. Parkes*

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes
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