

### **Dear Brothers** and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always!

As Catholics, we are called to see Christ in the lives of our brothers and sisters. And by seeing Christ in others, we become a family in faith and united in the mission to spread the good news and bring the love of Jesus to others. We are blessed to have such a large Archdiocese that

is diverse and vibrant with its many cultures and locations. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes it possible for the Archdiocese to provide ministries and services to its people.

United in Mission – Seeing Christ in Others is this year's Annual Catholic Appeal theme. Pope Francis said, "I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together." Participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal allows you to walk with others and share your gifts with those throughout the Archdiocese.

United in Mission - Seeing Christ in Others helps us focus on our responsibility as people of faith to help those in the broader Archdiocese. In Luke 6:38, he tells us, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

We pray that by seeing Christ in others, we will freely give our time, talent, and treasure in service of God, one another, and those in need.

I ask you to look through the appeal brochure and see how your gift can help those throughout the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. Please join me in participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2023, United in Mission – Seeing Christ in Others.

> Sincerely in Christ, Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M.

## We are called to see Christ in others.

2023 ANNUAL GOAL:

\$1,163,733.78

#### Matthew 5:16

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

# How Your Gift Helps

The Annual Catholic Appeal makes it possible for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau to provide ministries and services to its people. It enables us to fund pastoral visits for mass and sacraments in our village missions and rural parishes.

THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAVE HAD

 $184 \ 287$ 

Baptisms Marriages

Confirmations

First Communions

The Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to support ministries such as:

- Catholic Native Ministry
- Religious Education and Catholic Schools
- Hispanic Ministry
- Faith Formation and Leadership Training



### **GIVE SECURELY ONLINE**

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