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Greetings of peace and well-being to you and your family as we continue to move through this Easter Season. Together we have shared in the challenges and the sadness of not being able to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and worship as a community of faith. I cannot tell you how much I miss all of you! Although we are physically separated from each other, our church community is still alive with love and longing for God and for each other. It is my hope that this time period has increased your hunger to receive the Lord not only physically, but also more deeply into your hearts and lives. I pray that God strengthen you in the hope and trust that God desires all that is good for us, that all is in his hands, and that he is truly in our midst.

As you know, this is the time of year when we are all asked to prayerfully consider the financial commitment that we make through the Annual Catholic Appeal to our archdiocese in their work, and our work, of sharing in the mission and ministry of our Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, in the sacraments that we are privileged to celebrate, and in our charitable outreach to those in need.

You should already have received in the mail, Archbishop Etienne's invitation to support the Annual Catholic Appeal and the many essential ministries and shared services of the Archdiocese. The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating effects on so many people and their livelihoods, makes this support even more critical in these extraordinary times. Our Archdiocese, and each parish community, is called to be a beacon of light and hope in darkness as we care for each other in every way that we can.

This year our parish share of the Appeal is \$132,643. If we exceed this goal, all additional monies received will be returned to the parish to defray the final costs of our church renovation. In addition, our Archdiocese is committing a tithe of 10% of all monies collected from the Appeal to a special Parish Solidarity Fund to help all parishes to recover from the financial losses of the pandemic and to continue our good works.

If you gave to the Appeal last year, I thank you for your generosity and ask you to give to the Appeal again this year. And if you are in a position to give more, I ask you to consider increasing your gift by 5% in gratitude to God for all the good that he has done for you. Even more so this year, the reality is that many of our fellow parishioners may not be able to participate because of financial hardship, so your support is more important than ever. If you are not sure what to give, would you consider a gift of \$365 (\$1 per day).

There are three simple ways to make your Annual Catholic Appeal donation:

- Mail the enclosed pledge card in the provided envelope
- Go online to [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate)
- Call the Archdiocese at 1-800-4921

If you have already sent in your response, please accept my thanks and ongoing prayers for you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,

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