



# THE TIME TO ANSWER CHRIST'S CALL TO SERVE

## CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

*A campaign for our*  
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, *is Now!*

The *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign is an expression of thanks for the hundreds of senior priests and sisters still with us and for whom we have the responsibility to offer care and sustenance. It is also an expression of hope in the young clergy and sisters who do not yet see retirement on the horizon, and those who will come long after them. God is good and faithful to every generation.

I am excited and humbled to lead and contribute to the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign, and I offer my encouragement to all of you to join me in this groundbreaking, historic endeavor. To be grateful for both our past and future is something we can do with certainty and hope – because God is good and faithful, because his Son Jesus will never cease to issue his call, and because the Holy Spirit will never cease to tend the Father's garden with love, holiness, and wisdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle

### WHAT WILL OUR CAMPAIGN ACCOMPLISH?

The Archdiocese of Seattle initiated a \$100 million campaign to provide long-term funding for retirement and medical needs of priests and women religious, as well as support of individual parishes. After this campaign, the Archdiocese hopes to:

- Establish a stronger position to provide a consistent, modest retirement for priests by moving from a pay-as-you-go system to a fully-funded model for priest pension plan and medical benefit for retired priests.
- Increase the ability of women religious communities to care for their senior members while continuing their ministry to God's people.
- Provide parishes more resources for their local ministries, services, works, and programs.
- Lead by example in prayer, action, and generosity.
- Reinforce a dynamic faith for the next generation of Catholics in Western Washington.



*I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.*

*– 1 Timothy 1:12*