



October 17, 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite you to participate in the 2021-2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), which begins the weekend of October 30-31. Your prayers and financial support are vital in providing programs and services to thousands in Central Texas.

This year's CSA theme — **Christ makes all things new** — reminds us that Jesus bore the weight of the cross for us and through his Resurrection he has given us the hope of new life.

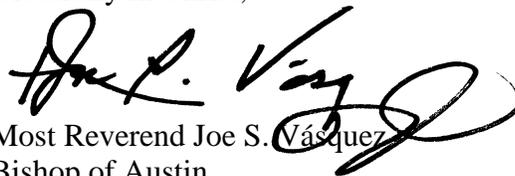
Christ has called each of us uniquely to share in one common mission: to know, love and serve others through him. I pray that together we can reach our goal of 100% participation to assist in Christ's mission. Each time I witness a child receive the Eucharist for the first time, a young man discerns a vocation to the priesthood, or a person in a desperate situation who finds much-needed assistance through Catholic Charities of Central Texas, I am reminded how Christ truly does make all things new.

Without your contribution to the CSA, the more than 100 essential ministries and programs in the Diocese of Austin *would not be possible*. Our Catholic schools, campus ministry centers, retired priests, Catholic Charities and parishes rely on the generosity of you and others to provide the spiritual and physical resources that are needed in our communities.

If you have not already, you will soon receive information about the 2021-2022 appeal. Please take time to learn just how effective your gift to the CSA is to the people of Central Texas and prayerfully consider how God is asking you to share your blessings. In this year of hope and renewal, we give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us. I know that with your help your parish will exceed its goal for the CSA.

Let us entrust this appeal to St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church.

Gratefully in Christ,



Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin