



January 21, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

On behalf of all who need and depend on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I thank you for your commitment to our faith and your support of our mission.

As Catholics, we use our gifts and talents to serve others. The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) provides a unique opportunity to do so by enabling us to unite with parishioners throughout the ninety-one parishes in the three counties of our Archdiocese - San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin - and serve our greater community.

The theme for this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is "*Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.*" (1 Peter 4:10). By responding to God's call to stewardship and grace and participating in the Annual Appeal, we are collectively able to support such varied and critical needs as parish ministries, youth and young adults, our schools, priestly formation, ministering to the poor, social ministries, and the greater Church, among others.

As the result of your generosity and that of thousands of your fellow members of our Archdiocese, we provide critical assistance and resources to people in need - and do so in a way that our individual parishes would not be able to on their own.

Our mission as a Church and people of the Catholic faith continue, and the needs are ongoing, so I ask you to participate in this year's Annual Appeal. Your contribution is a tangible expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others. It reinforces the vital nature of our greater mission, enhances our ability to teach, spread, and celebrate the faith, and makes a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. *All gifts to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, regardless of amount, are greatly appreciated and will be very beneficial.*

I thank you for your demonstrations of faith that continue to inspire me, for your support of your own parish, and for your commitment to the greater Church. With my gratitude for your continued support of our Archdiocese, and with my prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco