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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Dear Friends in Christ:

The year 2020 was a year like no other.

Whether it was the shelter-in-place mandate, the virus itself, or the economic shutdown, all of us have been affected. While sometimes a cause for anxiety and apprehension, these many months have also reaffirmed our tremendous sense of community in the Church. Parishioners, men and women religious, and priests throughout the Archdiocese have vividly demonstrated what it means to be a Catholic through prayer, outreach, care, and love for one another.

As Catholics, we use our gifts and talents to serve others. We practice our faith in many ways – devoting our time to mission and ministry, assisting people in need, and supporting each other. The demonstrations of faith that I witness daily inspire me in my ministry.

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) provides a unique opportunity to practice our faith and assist people in need – and does so in a way that our individual parishes would not be able to on their own. We cherish the opportunity to come together as one body in the Archdiocese and participate in the AAA.

The theme for this year's AAA is "*For the needy will never be forgotten; nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade.*" This year, in particular, there are many people who need care and support.

By responding to God's call to stewardship and grace and participating in the Annual Appeal, we support our pastors and parishes in their financial and human resources efforts, our parish ministries and schools, clergy, youth and young adults, social ministries, and the greater Church, among others.

On behalf of all who need and depend on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I ask you to make a gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Your gift will impact many lives, and it will be greatly appreciated.

Your contribution is a tangible expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others. It reinforces the vital nature of our mission; it enhances our ability to teach, spread, and celebrate the faith; and it impacts the lives of countless individuals.

I thank you for your demonstrations of faith that inspire me, your commitment to our Church, your support of your parish, and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco