Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How blessed we are to share in the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! As his followers, we are now sent into the world to carry on the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us. Thank you for sharing from your own abundance and participating in the mission of Christ’s Church in the Diocese of Fargo. Your contribution to the 2022 God’s Gift Appeal will help many others to grow in faith and know the merciful love of God in their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

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1 Timothy 1:14

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WHY IS MY GIFT IMPORTANT?
Through God’s Gift Appeal, each parish provides support for diocesan ministries. This appeal is their most important source of funding. Each of us is responsible for the well-being of the Church in our parishes, diocese, and throughout the world.

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The Gift of Prayer — pray for the Church; for our diocesan family to grow in love, faithfulness, and mercy; and for the needs of all who support or are supported by God’s Gift Appeal.

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Adulthood: 

As you began planning your Catholic wedding, you and your fiancé completed marriage preparation classes. As your family grew, your faith was strengthened by attending Mass together. You may have encountered Jesus in a life-changing way through any of the various camps, retreats or conferences sponsored by the Fargo Diocese. You may also have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life.

Elderly: 

You and your family were invited to celebrate milestone wedding anniversarys in your parish with marriage blessings from your parish priest. “Life’s Milestones” in the New Earth may have acknowledged your anniversaries of 50 years or 60+ years or a birthday of 80+ years.

As you and your spouse aged, you utilized services that allowed you to continue to live independently in your home. Your parish priest or a deacon may have visited you in your home and brought you Holy Eucharist. Perhaps you were able to join with others in prayer by celebrating the sacrifice of the Mass if you were homebound or infirmed with the TV Mass.

Born into Eternal Life:

When you die, because of your belief in everlasting life, you will have a Funeral Mass celebrated by your parish priest. You may be buried in the sacred grounds of a Catholic cemetery to await the resurrection of the body at the final judgement.

8 MONTHLY
OUR GOAL IS SCRIPTURAL TITHING, 10% of the first fruits. (cf. Gen 14:17-20). Here is a suggested formula for distributing tithes:
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