



A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

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Archbishop's message for Catholic Charities appeal

One of our mission priorities is to teach stewardship as a way of life.

As a way of life, stewardship teaches that we do not own anything; all is on loan from God, entrusted to us to manage as stewards of what belongs to God.

Stewardship teaches us to use anything according to God's good pleasure, which is to provide ourselves, our dependents, and to the poor with those things needed to live in dignity.

Helping those who cannot protect or provide for themselves is an essential practice of our Catholic religion; indeed, it is the mark of authenticity for followers of Jesus.

The Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Charities helps us help the poor: organizing the work, enlisting volunteers, and securing donations, such as by means of this annual appeal.

As you consider how much you will share in the annual appeal, think about what Jesus said: Give and gifts will be given to you... The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

In anticipation of your sacrificial gift, thank you.

For more information on Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, visit catholiccharitiesdubuque.org.

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