



ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always!

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, united Anchorage and Juneau into the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau a year ago. Over the last year, we have continued to follow the pope's vision of unity for our archdiocese, uniting our many ministries and services to serve the faithful of our parishes and missions.

As we continue this journey together, supporting the body of Christ from Unalaska to Metlakatla through our annual appeal, we will build up our ministries, support the formation of seminarians, and continue passing on the faith through religious education. With our annual appeal, *United in Mission: God's Work, Our Hands*, together, we will support the continuing work of our parish and mission ministries.

Although the archdiocese is widely scattered, we must remember the words Pope Francis shared in his apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*; "The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters" (33). *United in Mission*, empowers us to walk side by side with our brothers and sisters, continuing the work of Christ as missionary disciples. We pray that our hands may be the hands of Jesus. In doing so, we pray that in all we do, we may become more like Him. We freely give of our time, talent, and treasure in service of God, one another, and those in need.

I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our annual appeal *United in Mission*. Through your generosity, we are proclaiming the Gospel, passing on the faith, forming future priests and deacons, supporting retired priests, and providing spiritual life in our many villages and missions.

Please join me in participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2021, *United in Mission: God's Work, Our Hands*.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.
Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau