... “and light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it.”

(John 1:5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What more can we do? That is what the Church is asking each of us to consider. Pope Francis has asked us to spend the next two years encountering, listening and discerning so we can bring the hope and healing of Jesus Christ to the world by accompanying each other on the path of salvation.

Looking back at 2021 and 2020, there have been many reasons to be worried, but also many reasons to be joyful. We are joyful because we already have seen growth in our ministries in just a short year since the last time I wrote to you on behalf of the Diocesan Services Appeal.

A new grief ministry for parents who have lost children and a new ministry for the divorced have been developed. We have added a coordinator for Hispanic ministry to help us bridge cultural or communications gaps.

Many new avenues have opened up to serve the faithful and bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and hopeless. We want these inroads to lead us to that “synodality,” the Church is seeking. In more simple terms, it means we want to be a Church that listens with the heart of Jesus and responds with the hands of Jesus.

Your support is crucial to the creation and substantiation of these evangelical programs. I ask that you continue to help through your financial gifts to the Diocesan Services Appeal.

May God bless you and your families; let’s keep each other in prayer.

+Brendan

P.S. Money raised beyond your parish goal goes directly to your home parish.