



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021

February 2, 2021

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ's command to his disciples in Matthew 28:19: ***“Go therefore and make disciples,”*** directs the mission of the Ordinariate even today. Through continuous proclamation of the good news in this unpredictable world, we accept Christ's invitation to participate in His mission!

I would personally like to invite you to support the evangelizing mission of the Ordinariate. Your generosity will impact the scope and reach of our efforts. Our mission propels the Ordinariate in further growth, even in the midst of this global pandemic. Below are a few examples of how your support will help us heed Jesus' command!

- **Five seminarians** are preparing for ordination to the priesthood at our own Benedict XVI House of Formation and the North American College in Rome.
- We ordained **four new priests** in 2020, and Dcn. Patrick McCain was ordained to the transitional diaconate on October 1st.
- Two communities **entered into full communion** this past winter in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Oakwood, Georgia.
- The current parishes and communities of the Ordinariate continue to grow! Both Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Charleston, SC and Presentation of the Lord Catholic Church in Montgomery, TX were **raised to quasi-parish status**.
- Throughout the Jubilee year of 2020 parishes from all over the Ordinariate made **pilgrimages** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on the grounds of the chancery and cathedral.

These are just a couple of highlights from this year. I look forward to another year to work and spread the Gospel. **I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this growing mission with a monetary gift to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal.** Your gift, no matter how large or small will contribute to these works and make more like them possible. Your generosity will bring new Ordinariate members into full Catholic communion; cultivate additional vocations to the priesthood and religious life; provide crucial administrative support to grow our Parishes; and further spread the Gospel the world so desperately needs. The Ordinariate is strong because of the generosity of people like you.

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, I thank you for your prayerful consideration of a sacrificial commitment to this year's Bishop's Appeal. With my profound appreciation for your zeal for the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

P.S. You may use the enclosed envelope and pledge card to donate to the 2021 Bishop's Appeal or save time and a stamp by giving online at ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal.

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