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Dear Mr. Beard,

May the joy of the Resurrected Christ be with you!

I write to you during a Lent and Easter that has been unlike any other in the last hundred years. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically affected each of our lives, and, tragically, has taken the lives of many in our families and communities. Archbishop Gregory, along with all of us who serve the Archdiocese of Washington, continue to keep you and the souls of the faithful departed in our prayers.

Amidst these difficulties and sorrows, it is nonetheless hard not to see God's grace working among and within His people during this time. Throughout our parishes and archdiocesan ministries, we have seen countless of the faithful find ways to carry out the mission and good works of the Church through ingenuity, extra time and support to those in need of spiritual and material nourishment. Despite the physical distance between each other, we have become stronger in communion and spirit.

As we begin our slow recovery from this pandemic, I invite you to keep in thought and prayer those serving in essential ministries provided by the Church. From evangelization to Catholic education to helping those less fortunate, the work of your local Church has endured through this time of social distancing, and we will continue to reach those in need.

This is all possible because of your support of the Church. Please prayerfully consider renewing your support of the Annual Appeal today. It is one of the most effective ways you can help sustain the essential ministries throughout the communities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, I thank you for your kind and generous support. As we near Pentecost, I pray the Holy Spirit will fill you with strength and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph M. Gillmer  
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