**2024 Catholic Ministry Appeal**

***Pastor letter of support for all recipients of January mailings (after Bishop Parkes letter is sent)***

Today, I join with Bishop Parkes and my brother priests to invite you to participate in the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. The annual appealis a reminder that we are all called through baptism to a life of discipleship and share a common mission to proclaim the Gospel and help those in need strengthen their relationship with God.

Together we are called to assist the poor with food, clothing and shelter; offer guidance to our youth; and bring Christ’s saving message to all people. Together, we can help parishes across the diocese remain vibrant while also funding critical ministries no one parish could address alone.

SEGMENT 1 – non-donors:

Last week you received an invitation to pray for and follow Father Christian, our newest priest, on his journey as he completes his first year of priestly ministry. **I hope you will consider accepting that invitation.**

*Did you know that gifts to our annual appeal support priests like Father Christian and me, and the formation of our seminarians, who will serve all the faithful of our local Church in the years to come? A gift also supports XX other ministries and services, which can touch lives and change hearts in every neighborhood, every community and in all XX parishes of our Diocese.*

< INFORMAL SALUTATION>, I ask you to prayerfully consider accepting the invitation to pray for Father Christian, and also join me in making a sacrificial gift this year to the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

By combining our financial resources, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our diocesan Church will flourish. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the envelope provided. You may place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass this weekend or simply drop it in the mail. I thank you for your faithful response for our parish and our Diocese.

SEGMENT 2 – Those who received Bishop’s Mailing:

If you would like to experience one of the fruits of our appeal, I invite you to pray for Father Christian, our newest priest, as he completes his first year of priestly ministry, and to follow his journey through his video blog. You can sign up for “Walking in His Light: Navigating Year One with Fr. Christian Galvan” by visiting (URL).

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In November, you received an invitation to participate in the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal* from Bishop Parkes. < INFORMAL SALUTATION>, if you have not already responded, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making a sacrificial gift this year to the 2024 *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. By combining our financial resources, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our diocesan Church will flourish.

I thank you for your faithful response for our parish and our Diocese.

May Our Lord, who will never be outdone in His generosity, abundantly bless you and your home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

<INSERT SIGNATURE>

<PASTOR NAME>, Pastor

<PARISH NAME>