

LYBUNTS Mailing 2018 – Draft Letter Copy

November 30, 2018

<Name>

<Address>

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Dear <Salutation>,

During the Advent and Christmas season, our entire culture joins the Church in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Everywhere we look we see nativity scenes, images of the Holy Family, Christmas trees, and other symbols of our Christian faith. The Church around the world joyfully celebrates the Christian virtue of charity and offers thanks for our many blessings. I am glad to have the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord with you and with all of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

During this season of gratitude, I want to thank you for your past generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. It is a blessing that we have the resources necessary to provide help and hope to those who might otherwise have nowhere else to turn, especially at this time of year. Your gifts enable the Church to provide this help.

As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to offer my prayers for your intentions. Please send me your personal prayer intentions on the enclosed card. I will keep this card in my chapel, where I pray every day, and I will remember you and all of your needs as I do so. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life in this particular way.

I am grateful for your past support of the Church through the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. May the peace of Christ be with you and your loved ones throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis