

February 17, 2020

<First Name> <Last Name>

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Dear <Name>,

Praised be to Jesus Christ. Once again I write to encourage your participation in our annual God's Gift Appeal.

The 2020 theme is *Seek First the Kingdom of God*. God has been gracious to us, and we owe everything to Him. As followers of his Son, Jesus Christ, we have been called to live a life that seeks Him first every day and in all that we do. Jesus invites us to join in His mission and share with others the gift of faith that we have received.

I humbly ask for your support through prayer and participation in this year's God's Gift Appeal. Will you please consider making a gift to \$<XX.XX>?

Your prayer and gift will:

- Support the education of our 16 seminarians; your future parish priests
- Encourage religious vocations, and vocations to married life
- Provide for our sick and elderly priests who rely on our help
- Help our youth continue to grow in relationship with God
- Many other ministries that are listed in the enclosed brochure

These ministries and programs sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo depend on the generous support of you and others throughout our diocese. With your prayerful participation, the programs and ministries provided by your diocese will continue and be strengthened. Thank you for your continued support of God's Gift Appeal

It is a privilege to serve as your bishop, and I assure you that I remember all the people of the Diocese of Fargo in my prayers every day. Please keep me in your prayers as well, and thank you for your love for Jesus Christ and his Church. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo