



GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your continued prayers, support, and perseverance as we faced many challenges in the past year. This year, as we gather as a community around the Lord's Table, I invite you to contemplate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist joins us to Christ's sacrifice and provides us with infinite blessings.

With Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, suffering became sacrificial and can be deeply meaningful when we open our hearts wide to Christ and offer our hearts and lives to the Lord with faith, hope, and love. Having shared in Christ's sacrifice, we are called to bear fruit and are sent forth as missionary disciples, knowing that the Lord has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn: 4:19).

In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis reminds us that the Church "is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink amid their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach" (No. 28).

As we continue to journey together in hope while "Growing Together in Faith," I invite you to support the mission of the Diocese. Your generosity allows our clergy, religious and lay ministers to serve this and future generations of our diverse community, shining the light of Christ throughout the Santa Clara Valley.

Your donation helps make our Church stronger.

Right here. Right now. May God bless you and your family!

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José



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