

*Blessed are they who seek Him  
with all their heart.*  
Psalm 119:2

January 24, 2023

«Addressee»  
«Address\_Line1»  
«City\_», «State» «Zip»

Dear «Salutation»,

God savors each one of us as he calls us by name. In our naming, God bestows upon us His divine love. As each one is conceived, our name becomes eternal as a child of God! He gives His very heart to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He joins with us as part of salvation history. God seeks us always to be in a relationship with Him . . . a relationship of love because God is love.

The psalmist tells us that we are blessed as we seek God with all our heart. It is not a plural ‘hearts’, but one heart—the heart that is through, with and in God. It is the heart that makes us one as His children. It is the heart given to us through the Eucharist that we might with one heart bring the gift of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord to each person.

***Our Catholic Appeal*** Weekend, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, offers an opportunity to respond with the heart of God. Its funding supports the ministries to build and grow each person’s heart on the pilgrimage to heaven. If we are who we believe we are – God’s children – then we are on a pilgrimage to heaven, not individually, but together. Our journey prospers as we form seminarians to serve God as ordained priests; as we seek, form and ordain Permanent Deacons to preach the Gospel by their daily living; as we train our catechists and teachers that our children will know about God and grow in faith; as we tend to the poor and lonely through physical sustenance and shelter; as we care for the sick in our visitation and offering the Sacraments; as we are His body.

Your offering to God of \$\_\_\_ to ***Our Catholic Appeal*** in 2022 helped accomplish all these things and more and for that I am most grateful. I ask for your faithful support again this year. Should your personal circumstances allow, please prayerfully consider a gift in the range of \$\_\_\_. To make your gift or pledge, please visit our secure website at [www.ourcatholicappeal.org](http://www.ourcatholicappeal.org) or if you prefer, return the enclosed pledge card to me by mail or bring it with you to Mass at your parish on ***Our Catholic Appeal*** Weekend. If you are able to respond with your commitment no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, this is helpful for your parish’s planning process for the new fiscal year.

Thank you for being the body of Christ on this earth. Thank you for everything you have done to assure that our offering for ***Our Catholic Appeal*** flourishes our pilgrimage to heaven. Join me as I join you to be of one heart through, with and in God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan  
Bishop of Orlando