



WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

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Mr. Daniel M. Asquino
Ms. Alberta DelPrete
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Dear Mr. Asquino & Ms. DelPrete,

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (II Cor 5:7)

With those few words, St. Paul describes the journey each of us makes during our pilgrimage on earth. He explains that our faith gives us courage, and that our faith is the guiding star that leads us safely home to the glory of heaven. Those words also inspire the theme we have chosen for this year’s ***Catholic Charity Appeal: “Walking Together in Faith.”***

Faith is the virtue that calls us together to form the Church, the Body of Christ. And it is faith that motivates us to a life of charity; to reach out to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters. And that is exactly what the annual ***Catholic Charity Appeal*** is all about: Walking together and serving others, always in the name of Christ!

The needs of our brothers and sisters, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, remain and, in fact, have increased, and thus we are all called to action now, as much as ever. In that context, then, I am turning to you to ask for your generous support of the ***Catholic Charity Appeal***.

The enclosed brochure features the many faces that compose our diverse diocesan community. It also outlines how your donation to the Appeal will help us to continue assisting families with food, heating, and clothing; will provide care for seniors at the St. Martin de Porres Center; will shelter the homeless at Emmanuel House; will assist expectant moms with diapers and formula; will fund the pastoral care of the sick; and in many other ways will support the work of the Church in our community.

I’ve already made my pledge to the ***Catholic Charity Appeal***, and I invite you to do the same. With a joyful heart, let us each consider a gift that would serve as a symbol of our gratitude for all the Lord has done for us. To continue its important work of charity, the Church needs you – and your generous support!

Please prayerfully consider increasing the amount of your gift to \$5,940 if you are financially able. This will increase the direct assistance we can give to those who come to the Church for help, especially during these uncertain times.

Thank you very much for your spiritual and personal support. As I pledge my prayers for you and your loved ones, I also humbly ask your prayers for me and the Church in the Diocese of Providence.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

