

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

1925 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806 Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D. Bishop of Wilmington

> John Q. Sample 123 Any Street Anytown, ST 12345-6789



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June 16, 2023

John Q. Sample 123 Any Street Anytown, ST 12345-6789

Dear Mr. Sample,

As your bishop, I am inspired by the charity and the good works I witness daily in our Diocese. The generous response I've seen thus far to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is exceptionally heartening.

Many of your fellow parishioners have given to this year's '*Shining the Light of Christ*' Appeal. If you already made your donation, please accept my heartfelt gratitude. If you've yet to make your gift, I pray you will soon.

The Diocese of Wilmington is truly a beacon of Christ's light and merciful love. We are one body united in mission and charity to support and aid each other in our time of need. Those of us who call the Diocese of Wilmington home regularly see our Lord at work in a kind word, a smile, and a helping hand.

We are a diocesan family united in Christ.

So please, Mr. Sample, if you've yet to donate to this year's Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a generous donation equal to your most recent contribution of \$50, or even \$70, or \$100 or more to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, '*Shining the Light of Christ.*'

Your generous donation brings hope, aid, and the light of Christ to many individuals and families in our Diocese.

- [†] It is a light that shines through the work of over forty ministries that provide care and support, education and formation, material resources and spiritual opportunities to people in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.
- [†] It is a light that we see shining through the work of Catholic Charities as it

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2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL RESPONSE FORM ______ Catholic Diocese of Wilmington ______

From: 17-9999 John Q. Sample 123 Any Street Anytown, ST 12345-6789

To: Bishop Koenig Diocese of Wilmington

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□ **YES, Bishop Koenig**, I am glad to contribute to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, *Shining the Light of Christ*, with my generous, tax-deductible gift in the amount of:

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 \square \$50 \square \$75 \square \$100 \square Other \$_

□ I'd like to pledge my gift above in 6 equal installments. Please send me pledge reminders.

□ Yes, Bishop Koenig, I understand my gift of \$500 or more qualifies me for Membership in the 2023 Circle of Honor.

To donate via check, please make your check out to the **Catholic Diocese of Wilmington**. To donate via credit card, or if you would prefer to donate online, please turn this form over.

meets, for example, the needs of people who, faced with rising food costs, risk having to choose between putting food on the table or keeping the water and power on.

- † It is a light shining in the lives of over 86,000 individuals and families 1 out of every 11 people in the Diocese who are helped by Catholic Charities.
- [†] It is a light that shines upon our youth as they are formed in our faith through Catholic Schools or their parish's Religious Education programs.
- [†] It is a light that provides the resources for seminarians to study and prepare for the Priesthood.

In the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord tells us: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

In the Diocese of Wilmington, we are a family united in the light of Christ for all to see. And by your stewardship, many good works are accomplished here.

Please donate to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, '*Shining the Light of Christ*.' Together, let's be a beacon of hope and shine Christ's light in this Diocese we call home. Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + William F. Koong

Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D. Bishop of Wilmington

P.S. To help us care for the increased number of people needing assistance – please consider a gift of \$50 to help us continue to serve those most in need.

CIRCLE OF HONOR GIVING LEVELS

Circle of Friends: \$500 to \$1,868 (Diocese of Wilmington founded 1868) *Circle of Charity*: \$1,869 to \$2,499 *Circle of Benefactors*: \$2,500 to \$4,999 *Circle of Grace*: \$5,000 to \$9,999 *Circle of St. Francis de Sales*: \$10,000 and above

The Catholic Dioceses of Wilmington is a 501(c)(3) religious institution. Your personal or corporate contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. If we raise more funds than needed for any given project, your donation will be used to support similar projects.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Charge my annual Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal gift to my:	□ MasterCard	🗆 Visa	□ Discover	\Box AMEX	
Card Number:			Expiration Date:		

Cardholder Name (Please Print):

Cardholder Signature (Required for Authorization):

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO DONATE ONLINE, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.

 $1. \ Use \ this \ URL \ to \ track \ your \ donation: \ https://www.givecentral.org/appeal/XXXXXXX$

2. Scan this QR code and you will be brought right to our Faith and Charity donation page.

3. Text FAITH to 302-865-7336 and we will text you back the link to the Faith and Charity donation page.

4. If you'd prefer to call to make your donation, please contact the Development Office at 302-865-7336.



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Light dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing. God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside the faithful.

Your support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal impacts lives every day.

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED

- Catholic Education
- Pastoral Services
- Catholic Charities
- Communications
- Parish Assistance and Support
- Organizational Expenses

WAYS TO GIVE

• Gifts to the Appeal

You may make a gift in the form of a pledge and receive a monthly reminder, or a one-time donation payable at the donor's discretion.

• Online Bill Pay

If you utilize this electronic technique to pay bills, add the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal as a recurring payee.

• Credit Card Payment Options

Payments can be automatically charged to your MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or Amex credit card. To initiate, complete the authorization section on your pledge form.

• Gifts of Securities

The total market value becomes a taxdeductible gift. Contact the diocesan Development Office for transfer instructions.

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Individual Retirement Account
Contribution

If you are 70½ or older, consider providing your gift through your IRA. For more information, contact your tax advisor or visit https://cdow.giftlegacy.com.

• Matching Gifts

Many companies provide a matching gift program for their current and retired employees to promote charitable giving. Double the impact of your gift! Contact your Human Resources Department to determine if a matching gift program is available.

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