

January 14, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A blessed New Year to you and your loved ones.

I recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of my installation as the Archbishop of Newark. During my homily, I shared the following words, which Paul wrote to his beloved friends in Philippi:

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again, rejoice! ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

God is always present to listen to our prayers and requests. This is evident in the faith and generosity of people like you who help fund the mission and the necessary programs and ministries of our Archdiocese. Thanks to the support of more than 25,000 families, last year we raised more than \$9 Million to support our programs and ministries. I am also excited to announce that \$1.2 Million was given back directly to the parishes that exceeded their Appeal goal to help them meet the immediate needs of their parish.

Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and my assurance that we are exercising good stewardship of your gifts.

I have made my own gift to this year's Annual Appeal and I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift as well. The gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church and nothing more. Despite the continued difficult climate, I am grateful to the people of this Archdiocese for their faith, generosity, and commitment.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. May Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our Mother, protect you and lead you ever closer to her Son. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me in yours as well.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

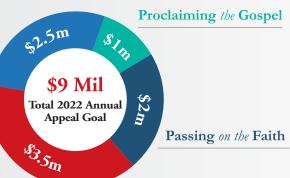
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