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Dear salutation,

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to the future, I am filled with hope and gratitude for the many ways that the mission Christ entrusted to his Church is alive and thriving in our Archdiocese. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and continued to grow in faith, service, and community. Today, I invite you to join me in the vital work of advancing our mission through the 2025 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries.

This year's theme, **"Go Forward with God's Mission,"** calls us to embrace the journey ahead with courage and trust in God's providence. It is a reminder that our faith is not static; it is a living, encounter with Jesus Christ that propels us to action, to serve others, and to share the Good News with all.

Through your generous support, the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries touches countless lives across our Archdiocese. Your contributions enable us to:

- Serve Our Community: Through Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and other outreach initiatives, we provide critical support to those in need feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and offering hope to those who are suffering.
- **Support Our Clergy:** Inspire a new generation of priests through our seminarian program as well as care for those who served our parishes faithfully. Contribute to the Holy Father's stewardship of the worldwide Church's needs.
- **Uplift Our Families and Enrich the Faithful:** By supporting religious education programs, youth ministries, and adult faith formation, we help deepen the faith of individuals and families, equipping them to live out their Catholic values in a complex world.

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• Strengthen Our Parishes and Schools: We invest in the vitality of our local parishes, ensuring they have the resources to be vibrant centers of worship, community, and evangelization. We bring together our young people through Catholic Youth Sports and College Campus Ministries. Our Catholic schools, including the Partners in Excellence program, offer a faith-based education to thousands of students, preparing them not only for academic success but also for a life rooted in Christ.

This work is only possible through the prayerful and financial support of faithful Catholics like you. As we **"Go Forward with God's Mission,"** I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Your gift, no matter the size, will have a profound impact on our ability to carry out Christ's mission in our local communities.

To make your donation, please visit <u>www.archbalt.org/appeal/give</u> or return the enclosed pledge card by March 1st. Your support is not just a contribution; it is a commitment to living out the Gospel and making a difference in countless lives across our Archdiocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for going forth with the mission the Risen Lord entrusted to the Church. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and dedication to His mission.

With deep gratitude and every prayerful blessing, I am

Faithfully in Christ,



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Most Reverend William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore

Your gift will be allocated only as you intend and never to cover legal costs incurred by the Archdiocese of Baltimore for any reason. Every gift, large and small, is a blessing for our Church and those we serve.