SEEKING CHRIST

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Directed at Jesus, these are the first words spoken by Peter in the Gospel of Mark. They could easily be our own first words to Jesus: *Lord, amidst so much suffering in the world today, everyone is looking for You – Your mercy, Your protection, Your care!*

In fact, this is precisely what Jesus desires us to say. He assures us, “*Seek and you will find*” (Mt 7:7); first, by plunging into the depths of our own hearts. There, He is ready to take on the yoke of our deepest fears, our sufferings and our petitions. Through hearts of prayer, we are unburdened and we are also transformed, becoming prisms through which God’s divine light shines forth.

Together, nourished by the Sacraments, we become Christ’s hands and feet, and with apostolic zeal reach out to all those suffering in body, mind and spirit. This is the mission of the Church: to be the ark upon which all are saved, the boat from which we cast our nets, and the lamp that draws in all who wander and are lost.

However, our ark is in need of strengthening, our nets are in need mending, and our lamp is in need of more oil! With great hope, I call upon the people of this Archdiocese to renew their commitment to *Seeking Christ*, which is the theme for this year’s 2021 Annual Appeal. Through our collective prayer and sacrificial gifts, we can ensure all those *Seeking Christ* will find Him in our Church.

The pandemic has brought hardship on everyone. I pray daily that God’s providence will sustain you through these trials. It has also brought hardship on our local Church and the people we serve. For this reason, I am eternally grateful for your kindness and support. May God bless you and may your faithfulness lead you to find Christ always.
Our mission to seek Christ manifests itself in countless ways in the Archdiocese of Washington. From faith formation and catechesis, to outreach and evangelization, your gift will have a wide-ranging impact benefiting thousands across the District of Columbia and five surrounding counties of Maryland.

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Statement of Accountability
100% of your donation to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the programs and ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose. Independently audited financial statements may be found at adw.org/about-us/who-we-are/financial-reports.

For frequently asked questions, visit appeal.adw.org.
We invite you to join in the mission of the Annual Appeal as we seek Christ together. By strengthening the charitable works of our Archdiocese, you enable all those Seeking Christ to find His healing, His Word, and His friendship.

SEEKING CHRIST’S HEALING
The Archdiocesan community cares for those seeking God’s healing in mind, body and soul. Whether it’s visiting the sick in hospitals, reaching out to mothers facing unexpected pregnancies, or bringing Christ’s love to college campuses, these works of mercy take place on the front lines of healing a broken world.

SEEKING CHRIST’S WORD
We are called to proclaim Christ’s Word everywhere we go. By supporting the ministries of the Annual Appeal, including those that form our priests and religious, you help spread the Good News to people from all walks of life.

SEEKING CHRIST’S FRIENDSHIP
During this time of physical and social distancing, we want to reassure all those feeling alone that God is always near. The ministries supported by the Annual Appeal are communities of faith through which others can be embraced by Christ’s unconditional love.
Seminarian Education • Vocation Outreach •
Consecrated Life Office • Women’s Vocations •
Redemptoris Mater Seminary • Saint John Paul II
Seminary • St. John Vianney House • Permanent
Diaconate Office • Diaconate Candidate Formation
• Care of Sick Priests • Ministry Life Programs •
Post Ordination Education Professional & Spiritual
Development • Priests Convocation • Priest Personnel
Support • Clergy Serving Outside Diocese • Jubilee
Celebrations • Pastoral Center Chapel • Catholic
Schools Office • RCIA • RCIC • Religious Education
• CYO Administration • St. Francis Community for the
Deaf • Ministry for the Disabled • Ministry for Those
with Special Needs • Council of Catholic Women •
Young Adult Ministry • Ministry Training &
Resources Life Issues Advocacy • Pro-Life Ministry •
Pro-Life Partnership Programs • Project Rachel •
Youth Rally and Mass for Life • Affirming Life Initiative
• St. Ann’s Center for Children and Families • Victory
Youth Center • V Encuentro • Ethiopian Apostolate •
Nigerian Apostolate Outreach and Cultural Diversity
Office • Ecumenical Programs • Parish Concerns
Ministry • Parish Pro-Life Programs • Evangelization
and Family Life Programs • Family Ministry Office •
Worship and Liturgy Office • American University
CCM • Gallaudet University CCM • George
Washington University CCM • Howard University
CCM • St. Mary’s College CCM • University of
Maryland CCM • Prison Ministry • Hospital Ministry •
Communications Office • Catholic Standard •
El Pregonero • Abriendo Puertas • Media & Public
Relations • Digital Media • Multi-Media Production •
TV Mass • Clergy Communications • Find the Perfect
Gift Initiative • The Light is On for You Initiative •
Diocesan Sponsored Programs • Conferences and
Liturgical Events • Catholic Information Center •
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
NO ONE CAN GIVE EVERYTHING, BUT ALL CAN GIVE SOMETHING

Please prayerfully examine your current charitable giving and consider making a gift to our 2021 Annual Appeal.

As a helpful guide, please see the chart below.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!