

50 Years of Faithful Generosity

DIOCESE of
GAYLORD
CSA 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Gaylord, a time to celebrate *50 years of faithful generosity!*

Anniversaries are a time to remember, give thanks and look to the future with confident hope. The Lord has used his people to build up our local Church, which we can be proud of today. In our 75 parishes and 17 Catholic Schools, dedicated lay leadership, parishioners, priests and religious proclaim the word of the Lord, celebrate the sacraments, and serve our brothers and sisters.

I am grateful for the faithful generosity of so many during these past 50 years. As we look to future, **I ask for your continued support of the diocese, our parishes, schools and ministries through this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA).**

With your help, our annual appeal provides critical funding for ministries and initiatives throughout the diocese. Your gift furthers Catholic education for our young people, shares the good news of Christ through evangelization and missions, and advances ongoing faith formation and sacramental preparation in our parishes.

Many significant ministries are supported through your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal such as our Hispanic Apostolate; diocesan retreat centers; and Catholic Human Services, which provides pregnancy counseling, open adoption resources, and social services including substance abuse and recovery. Aid to our brothers and sisters throughout the world is also made possible, as the national and international collections that are often taken up as "second collections" in other dioceses are supported through our diocesan Catholic Services Appeal.

As you may know, last year's Catholic Services Appeal target was reduced due to the pandemic. Thankfully, generous support led to a majority of parishes meeting their CSA goal. This year, as things continue to move back to a more "normal" state, we have partially restored the CSA target in order to continue the vital initiatives supported by the appeal, which makes up 72% of the diocese's overall budget.

Catholic Services Appeal funds enable important ministry work that is beyond what any one parish could accomplish on their own. To continue this work, and with a broadened goal for this year's appeal, we need your support in this important campaign.

I ask you to prayerfully make a pledge gift to this year's Catholic Services Appeal today. In continued support of our diocese, parishes, schools and ministries, please consider a level of giving that is meaningful to you and your family. Know that every gift makes a significant and lasting impact.

In this special jubilee for our diocese, I invite you to give to the Lord and his local Church, which will help lay the foundation for the next 50 years of diocesan mission and ministry. Your gift is vital in providing support to the diocese, our parishes, schools and Catholic ministries — please make your pledge as soon as possible to assist your parish in their efforts to oversee this important campaign.

Thank you for your faithful generosity to your parish and the Diocese of Gaylord's Catholic Services Appeal.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
Apostolic Administrator

