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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*"I Am With You Always"* (Mt 28:20). With these words Jesus assures the disciples, and all of us, that he will walk with us throughout our life's journey. Whether in triumph or tragedy, he is there. Not only are we bathed in God's loving presence; as baptized, we join the rest of the faithful to become the Body of Christ. Together we pool our special gifts and unique talents to be present to one another and to fulfill the great commission.

Year after year, your support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal allows our local Catholic community to evangelize, teach, heal and serve. Together, we lift up the least of our brothers and sisters. Please be assured that I remain faithfully dedicated to my responsibility as your bishop to continue this important mission in spite of these challenging times. As every year, each dollar donated to the CSA supports charitable and pastoral works of you, the faithful, who make up the Body of Christ.

Together we ensure that children receive the gift of faith formation and a quality education; seminarians, deacons and lay leaders fulfill their calling, serve their parish communities, and minister to the homeless and disadvantaged; and individuals, couples and families enjoy programs that enrich and strengthen their faith. Our local Church is comprised of diverse spiritual families of many origins, ages, and conditions, and yet we are joined by a common thread in the areas of ministry, worship, and service, united in the Eucharist.

On behalf of all those individuals and families who are served by our ministries, I humbly ask you to search your heart, consider your blessings and that you please join your fellow parishioners and me in sacrifice and consider a gift to this year's appeal. Please go to the link on the CSA page and make your commitment. The Lord is counting on all of us to mirror His kindness, fidelity, and mercy to our brothers and sisters.

May the Holy Spirit guide you as we spread hope and salvation throughout our Diocese in the name of Christ Jesus. Thank you again for all that you do, and please know that I keep you and your family in my daily prayers.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC  
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee