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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past November, I released my Pastoral Letter, "Sharing the Gift." If we believe that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us and rose again to set us free from sin and death, we are compelled to share that Good News with everyone around us. This gift should provide great joy to all. The first reading from Mass on Sunday, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us a vision in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Your past 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 the charitable and pastoral work of all of us who say, in effect, "Here I am Lord, send me!"

On behalf of all those individuals and families who are served by our ministries, I humbly ask you to read the enclosed information. I pray that you will recognize how diocesan ministries, programs and services become powerful example of God's love. Please indicate on your enclosed pledge card the level of your gift and drop it in the offertory or mail directly to the Pastoral Center. Your participation is very important. 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 Rev. William A. Wack, CSC  
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