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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since my arrival in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, I have come to appreciate the remarkable legacy of charitable giving in our parishes, our ministries, and our diocese through the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA). I am humbled to serve as the shepherd of this very generous and active community. Please know that I never take your gifts for granted because I know that it is just that: a gift given from the heart.

The 2024 theme is my episcopal motto, "Come. Follow Me". It is the simple, yet profound, invitation from Our Lord to leave everything behind and become his disciples. This is a call that comes to us continually. The Lord Jesus beckons us to encounter him in our brothers and sisters at every moment of our lives.

It is a blessing to know that by working together with a common purpose and vision we are bringing the Lord's healing presence to our parishes, schools, campuses, hospitals, institutions, workplaces and wherever we serve. The CSA brochure explains in greater detail how your financial pledge to the CSA will help us continue to do just that, and why your support has never been more important.

Because of the gifts and prayers of so many, we were able to do great things in God's name and serve thousands and thousands of people last year. With a shepherd's heart, I pray you will accept the call to greater discipleship by taking an active and purposeful role in the 2024 CSA. Pledges can be fulfilled over a period of months, three payments, or as a one-time contribution. Your pledge card has been included in my mailing and can be returned in the mail, or to your parish on commitment weekend, February 10/11 and 17/18. You can also fulfill your commitment online.

In this year's CSA, may the Holy Spirit guide and bestow His graces upon you as we continue to spread His message of hope and salvation to the corners of our diocese. Let us embrace the challenge to practice, promote and proclaim the truths of our Catholic faith with the zeal and energy of the first disciples.

Thank you for following in Jesus' footsteps and please know that I will remember you and your family in my daily prayers.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC
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