



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

Welcome to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal! As you know, the Catholic Services Appeal serves a vital role in our Archdiocese, providing necessary funding for programs and ministries that our parishes simply could not offer alone. The theme of this year's Appeal is from sacred scripture, (Isaiah 40:1), ***Comfort My People***. These words are especially meaningful to me as they have been my motto since my priestly ordination in 1989. They express my own goal for my ministry and also the reality of God's will for humanity: *divine consolation and abiding peace in everything*. Comforting God's people is the responsibility of us all. We must love one another, as He loves us.

I am committed as your new Archbishop to being a good steward of your prayers, time and generous gifts. YOU make these ministries happen. YOU make a difference in people's lives when you give to our annual Catholic Services Appeal. I am comforted to know that no matter what uncertainty may be going on around us, Jesus provides peace through the Holy Spirit, a peace that the world cannot give. I am so grateful for our shared faith and belief in the ministries within our Archdiocese.

As you reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon you this past year, I invite you to please prayerfully consider making a gift and joining me as we work to bring comfort and provide vital assistance to our brothers and sisters in Christ. In addition, I am pleased to share that an anonymous donor has pledged a \$25,000 challenge that will match gifts to the Seminarian Education Fund. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our seminarians with **double the impact!**

Donations may be shared securely online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA) or by returning the enclosed response form in the envelope provided.

Your gift, in any amount, is a faithful expression of your desire to provide comfort to those in need. Be assured of my gratitude for your support and my prayers for you. I ask for your prayers for me as well. Know that I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelton J. Fabre". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre  
Archbishop of Louisville