

# Letter from Archbishop Gustavo to Parishioners

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been truly extraordinary and inspiring to witness your generosity in the seven years that I have been your Archbishop. While much of the Church's ministry takes place in our parishes, we also come together as an archdiocesan Church to carry out critical services and ministries that have an impact far beyond any one parish. United as 171 parishes and missions, these efforts help us accomplish a mission of faith, hope, and love. I invite you and your loved ones to join me and your brothers and sisters from across the archdiocese to continue our journey as a missionary disciples, **In the Spirit of Love**, through the 2018 Archbishop's Appeal.

As stated in the Gospel, we are called to a love so profound that all whom we encounter will know that we are of Christ. *"Let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."* (1Jn 4:7) The Appeal is an essential way for each of us to contribute to the work of the Church in love for others throughout our community. The Appeal ministries funded by your generosity enable us to reach across parish boundaries to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the unborn, evangelize Christ's people, and care for those in need. I humbly request that you consider making a gift to the 2018 Archbishop's Appeal. When doing so, you will be joined with thousands of Catholics who are eager to share the Gospel message of love to those among us in great need.

I pray that you accept this missionary call to generously share your blessings with others through the 2018 Appeal. Thus, we are the hands and feet and face of Christ in our community, bringing the power of faith to as many as possible. I hold each and every one of you in my heart, and I am grateful and proud of our Catholic community for your willingness to support the work of the Church through your generosity. You, your loved ones, and your parish community remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gustavo" in a cursive script, with "MSpS" written below it in a smaller, simpler font.

Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS

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