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**OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a family of faith, the Diocese of Charleston is more than a collection of churches and geographic boundaries. We are a community united in Christ, desiring to serve the Lord. Living as faithful disciples of Christ, we must strive to positively impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in both spiritual and physical need. One important way we can accomplish this is to support Christ's mission through the Bishop's Annual Appeal "*Walk Humbly with your God.*"

On the weekend of Feb. 15-16, we will take up a second collection in support of the appeal. As you are aware, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is the primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 96 parishes, 21 missions, 34 Catholic schools, and multiple agencies throughout our diocese. These critical ministries are all doing important work but there is still much to do.

To all parishes that are participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal in 2020, please encourage your parishioners to be as generous as possible in this second collection and with their pledge efforts. Through the charitable works, outreach, and education offered as a result of BAA funding, we are making a difference and will continue to do so.

As Christian stewards, let us share the blessings that God has given to us. Together, we can keep the beacon of Christ's light burning and continue to build up the Kingdom of God here in South Carolina. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston

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The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is Feb. 16, 2020.