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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are grateful to God for all that has been provided to us and, in turn, we are called to respond generously to our neighbour. As members of God's family, we work together to accomplish what we cannot do alone. The Annual Appeal gives us the practical means to offer help, and to support projects that allow us to serve people more fully.

With your help, we will be able to return funds from our Appeal to support local parish projects and important initiatives in your community. We will be able to provide mission support and outreach to smaller communities to assist with basic operating costs including travel, heat, light and insurance to better serve the faithful and offer assistance to those in need.

With your help, we will provide religious education, catechism, and workshops for children, youth and adults, to encourage people to deepen their faith and grow closer to God. We will provide pension support to clergy who have devoted their lives in service to God, and others. We will provide seismically upgraded, improved space in our schools, encouraging our children to thrive and learn in a safe and faith-based environment.

A donation to our Appeal will help to ensure that our life as missionary disciples will have a firm financial foundation. I thank you for your prayerful consideration of your gift. The funds we raise through the Appeal help to support programs and ministries that allow us to care for God's family, and for each other. With your help, we will be generous to our neighbour. Your support for our *Journey of Hearts & Hands* is essential to our mission. We are very grateful for your assistance

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria