



## CHRIST OUR HOPE:

*Compassion in Community*

PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we begin preparations for the 2011–2012 annual appeal, please accept my gratitude for your ministry to our local Church. God’s grace is revealed through the gift of your prayers and service. Your commitment to Christ’s work truly is a blessing.

Again this year, we are focusing the Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community annual appeal on three areas where our needs are the greatest: fostering Catholic education and faith formation, encouraging vocations by educating our seminarians and deacons and providing retirement benefits for our priests, and caring for people most in need throughout the archdiocese.

The intention card enables parishioners to direct their donations to the archdiocesan ministry areas closest to their hearts. We welcome donations to the archdiocesan ministry area “where the need is the greatest,” but we recognize that many parishioners are grateful to have more say about how their donations are spent.

You will learn, through the annual appeal materials, how local communities benefit from their support of the archdiocese. We understand that sometimes it is difficult for parishioners who are located far from Indianapolis to see how their dollars are supporting our local Church’s ministries. We hope the regional case examples in this year’s annual appeal will bring more clarity to that question.

When we truly place our confidence in Christ our hope, we become the faithful who proclaim the Gospel of Christ, celebrate the sacraments and exercise the ministry of charity. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our local Church. I look forward to your assistance with the Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community annual appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.  
*Archbishop of Indianapolis*



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