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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to be your archbishop, and to partner with you to continue the mission of Jesus in the ministries of his Catholic Church.

On 29 September 2019, I announced a special appeal to help the poor and to support the mission of the Church. **ArchdioceseOne**, as we named it, was then paused due to the pandemic and resumed in January, 2022. The needs addressed by the four financial beneficiaries of the special appeal only become greater as each day passes:

- The Priest Pension Plan for our retired priests
- The Seminarian Education Endowment
- Repairs and Upgrades to the Cathedral of St. Raphael
- Immigration Legal Services through Catholic Charities

We're hoping that when we each do our part, our special appeal will produce the following spiritual benefits as well:

- to strengthen unity in our Archdiocese
- to deepen our practice of stewardship as a way of life
- to heal the Church with the medicine of charity

I invite you to visit our special appeal website to watch a short introductory video at <u>www.archdioceseone.org</u>. Here you will find more information about our financial beneficiaries and answers to frequently asked questions.

We can't hope for the material and spiritual success of our special appeal unless this holy work is begun with God's inspiration and carried out by God's help. Thus, all are invited to pray the official prayer:

God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us.

You will hear more about **ArchdioceseOne** in the coming weeks through communications by both the parish and archdiocese. These communications will be by mail, social media, bulletins, and in pews. This includes another letter from me with information about how you can make a sacrificial financial gift to support the poor and the mission of the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque