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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

May the blessings of Christ be with you and your family as we begin this New Year filled with the grace of Our Lord. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA).

Due to the generosity of kind people like you, the Diocese of Venice has been able to continue the good works of the Church. Baptisms,

First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and Ordinations have been celebrated with great joy among the Faithful. As people of hope, we mourn the death of loved ones. In the material realm, we continue to feed the hungry, visit the sick and the elderly, shelter the homeless, and shepherd our children in the Faith.

There is much to celebrate in our lives. However, scripture reminds us, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest" (Gal 6:9). Therefore, I come to you with an invitation to support this year's Catholic Faith Appeal.

Many of the Diocesan programs and ministries funded through the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. As can be seen, the CFA furthers the mission given by Christ and impacts many individuals, families, and communities. I invite you to be a part of this undertaking and implore you not to "grow tired of doing good".

May the Lord abundantly reward your desire to help those among us in need. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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