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Dear Parishioner,

Because of YOU, our parish's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is off to a strong start. I am not surprised, as you have always responded generously when asked. Throughout history, Catholics have shown great resiliency in times of trial, persecution, famine and, now, through a pandemic! I am grateful for your continued generosity.

Our annual appeal supports ministries and programs that serve the poor and vulnerable, our future priests, retired priests, education and faith formation, and address many more needs essential to the mission of our diocese.

In a normal year, the CSA raises nearly \$6 million. This year has been far from normal, and these extraordinary times require an extraordinary response of generosity and faith. Although many in our diocese have responded generously to CSA mailings, limited seating capacity in our churches has significantly impacted the number of gifts typically received in-pew. Commitment weekend is 25 percent of what it was last year, which translates to a \$1.5 million shortfall.

I am proud of how we have all have adjusted during the pandemic — myself included! I learned to live-stream and share inspiring messages online. Across the diocese, Masses, Holy Hours and youth group activities have been held in parking lots. Our teachers worked double time to prepare for online and in-person classes, uncertain of what the future may hold. The Church and its people never stopped serving!

If you have not already, you will soon receive a letter from me asking you to consider making a gift to the CSA. If this letter crosses with your gift in the mail, I thank you in advance for your support. If you have not yet made your gift, I ask you to prayerfully consider doing so.

**Now more than ever, parishes, ministries and schools are relying on your support to guide and assist them.**

Donating is as simple as clicking a few buttons:

1. Give online at [www.austindiocese.org/give](http://www.austindiocese.org/give)
2. Text your gift amount to (512) 829-3826
3. Enter your gift at [www.austindicoese.org/gift](http://www.austindicoese.org/gift) and a reminder will be sent to you

Every gift is important and touches someone's life. Blessings are multiplied when all of us work together.

May God bless you and your families during this season of Advent. Please continue to pray for the continued health of our community.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Alberto Cáceres', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Rev. Luis Alberto Cáceres  
Pastor

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