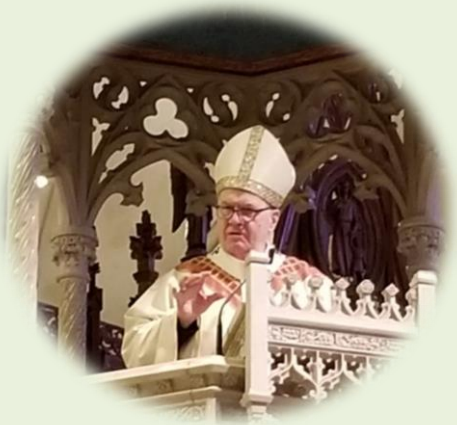


## FROM THE CARDINAL'S MESSAGE ON THE ANNUAL APPEAL



God is always present to listen to our prayers and requests. This is evident in the faith and generosity of people like you who help fund the mission and the necessary programs and ministries of our Archdiocese. Thanks to the support of more than 25,000 families, last year we raised more than \$9 Million to support our programs and ministries. I am also excited to announce that \$1.2 Million was given back directly to the parishes that exceeded their Appeal goal to help them meet the immediate needs of their parish.

Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please accept my

heartfelt thanks for your generosity and my assurance that we are exercising good stewardship of your gifts.

I have made my own gift to this year's Annual Appeal and I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift as well. The gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church and nothing more. Despite the continued difficult climate, I am grateful to the people of this Archdiocese for their faith, generosity, and commitment.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. May Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our Mother, protect you and lead you ever closer to her Son. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me in yours as well.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark