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Reverends and dear Father McGrath, Father Werth and devoted Parishioners:

I write to express my most sincere gratitude to you and your very dedicated parishioners for exceeding your assigned goal in contributions and pledges for the 2018-2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). I am delighted to send this letter, along with a special poster recognizing and thanking you for your achievement, which you may display in your parish as a sign of my appreciation.

The theme of our 2018-2019 Appeal is *Sharing Our Blessings*. By sharing your blessings so generously, you and your parishioners will positively affect the lives of those who seek our assistance. The CMA allows us to be the hands of Christ and to share the Good News of the Gospel with so many – to reach out to children and young people to nurture their faith, to properly form and educate our priest seminarians, to support our Catholic schools and religious education programs and to bolster the crucial work of Catholic Charities, among many other programs and ministries.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership. In this challenging time for the Church, your commitment to supporting the mission of our Diocese, to love God above all things, and to serve our neighbors in need, for love of Him, is deeply encouraging and inspiring.

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you, and please, in your kindness, remember me in your good prayers.

Renewing my sincere gratitude, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Enclosure