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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Founded in 1931, during the Great Depression, the Catholic Charities Appeal benefits more than 30 ministries all within the 28 counties that make up the Archdiocese of Mobile. Because of the sacrificial generosity shown by almost 9,000 donors in 2019, we exceeded our financial goal and were able to continue to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of thousands of individuals.

The 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal theme is taken from this passage in St. Luke's Gospel:

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful”- Luke 6:36

Throughout scripture we are reminded repeatedly that God is abundantly *merciful*. Jesus showed us what it means to be merciful when he healed the sick, welcomed the stranger, and absolved the sinners. We can show the same mercy for others through our generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal. The ministries supported by the Catholic Charities Appeal provide aid to the poor, food for the hungry, a loving home for a child through adoption, hope for an expectant mother, spiritual enlightenment for our youth, outreach to the imprisoned and much needed services to the aging and those with disabilities.

The goal for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is 4.5 million dollars. The basic pledge is \$48 a month for twelve months or \$576 for the year. No gift is too small or too large. I ask that you prayerfully make a pledge according to your means. Please, join me in supporting the needs of others with a sacrificial gift to the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal.

With your generosity, we can continue to help the tens of thousands of people served by the ministries and programs highlighted in the enclosed brochure. I am confident that we will take St. Luke's advice to heart showing our mercy to those in need through our generosity to this year's appeal. Your pledge envelope is also enclosed, giving you time to make a prayerful pledge before returning your envelope to your parish.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly in the New Year and always.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ *Thomas J. Rodi*

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
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