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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Love never fails.

St. Paul taught the Corinthians about Jesus, and many came to be strong and faithful Christians. After Paul left Corinth to preach the Gospel in other lands, he received word that the people of Corinth had lost sight of living a life of Christian love and charity. The Corinthians were no longer showing love towards the poor in their communities or practicing charity towards their neighbors. Instead, they were discriminating against others and pridefully boasting of their own greatness.

When Paul heard this, he was moved to write a letter to the people of Corinth. He wrote, "*Love... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*"

These words are not only a reminder of how powerful love is... but also a call to act.

Inspired by the words of St. Paul, the Catholic Charities Appeal has been showing the love of Christ to those living in poverty, those who are hurting, and those who are in material and spiritual need in the Archdiocese of Mobile since 1931. Men and women experiencing homelessness, mothers facing crisis pregnancies, families who struggle to feed their children, and so many more in our archdiocese rely on the funds of the Catholic Charities Appeal to survive each year.

St. Paul assures us that love for our neighbor never fails in making a difference. When we love the poor, the sick, the suffering as Jesus showed us, we are answering His call to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

I humbly ask you to consider making a pledge to the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal. Every gift made to the Catholic Charities Appeal is a gift of hope and endurance for so many who suffer each day. Your gift never fails. Every gift—no matter how big or small—makes a difference. Will you please join me and rise to the call to love as Christ loves?

Enclosed is an envelope in which you can mail the attached pledge card and include a gift with your pledge before returning it to your parish. I ask that you prayerfully make a pledge according to your means and join me in supporting the needs of others with a sacrificial gift to the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.

May God's blessings be upon you and your family and may you know the never-failing love of Christ Jesus.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ *Thomas J. Rodi*

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi