

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception,

As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings we share as a diocesan family. Among those blessings, I am especially grateful for you, the faithful people of Immaculate Conception and your pastor Fr. Matthew Hoover, for your extraordinary generosity and commitment to the 2025 Appeal, *Together in Mission*.

Scripture reminds us, “*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever*” (Psalm 107:1). Your generous response to this year’s Appeal is a beautiful expression of that enduring love. Through your sacrifice and stewardship, you have strengthened not only your parish community but also your brothers and sisters across the Diocese of Columbus.

The theme of this year’s Appeal, *Together in Mission*, calls us to live the words of the Gospel of Mark (16:15): “*Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*” You have answered that call with open hearts and willing hands. Because of your generosity, we are able to support the vital ministries that bring Christ’s presence to others, through evangelization, education and faith formation, social doctrine, and the fostering of vocations.

During this time of Thanksgiving, please know how deeply I appreciate your faith, your example, and your trust in the mission we share. The Diocese cannot do its work without you. Your generosity sustains the Church’s ministry and enables us to bring the hope of the Gospel to a growing and diverse community.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly this Thanksgiving and throughout the remainder of this Jubilee Year.

With heartfelt gratitude,
+ Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus



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