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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

As we embark upon our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign, we do so under the banner of a profound and timely theme: **Fearless in Faith, Boundless in Love**. These words echo the very heart of our Christian vocation—a call to live with unwavering trust in God and to pour ourselves out in love for one another, as Christ has poured Himself out for us.

In a world often marked by uncertainty and division, we are summoned to stand firm in the faith handed down through the Apostles, rooted in the teachings of Holy Mother Church. With courage born of grace, we profess Jesus Christ as Lord, trusting in His divine providence and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. This fearless faith is not passive—it is active, bold, and missionary. It moves us beyond comfort and compels us to serve.

Likewise, the love of Christ knows no bounds. It is the love that led Him to the Cross, the love that flows through the sacraments, and the love that animates the Church's mission to care for the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. Through your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you become a living channel of this boundless love—feeding the hungry, educating the young, sheltering the unhoused, and sustaining the ministries that bring Christ's light into every corner of our diocese.

This appeal holds particular meaning for me personally, as I prepare to enter retirement later this year. It may be the final time I invite you, as your Archbishop, to participate in this sacred work of mercy and mission. Serving you has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. I have witnessed your faith, your generosity, and your love for the Church in countless ways—and I remain deeply moved by your commitment to building up the Body of Christ.

We invite you to respond with hearts open to grace. Let your faith be fearless. Let your love be boundless. Let your gift be a reflection of your trust in God and your desire to build up the Body of Christ.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us as we undertake this sacred work. And may the Lord, who began this good work in us, bring it to fulfillment.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Wester'.

Most Reverend John C. Wester  
Archbishop of Santa Fe