



August 10, 2021

Rev. Emmanuel Tabi Mensah
Saint Mary of the Presentation
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Suffolk, VA 23434-5715

Dear Fr. Mensah,

On behalf of everyone in the Diocese of Richmond, I want to extend my deepest thanks and sincere congratulations to you and the parishioners of Saint Mary of the Presentation for exceeding your 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal parish target.

While this past year has had its fair share of ups and downs, your commitment and that of your parishioners to the ministries of the Catholic Church has been unwavering. Your parishioners' generous gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal are helping us to engage the next generation, provide for those in need and build Catholic communities in many important ways throughout the Diocese.

As you know, your parish will be receiving a portion of the money collected through the Annual Appeal which you can use towards local priorities. I hope you will take the opportunity to share with your parishioners how these funds will be used to benefit their parish and thereby strengthen the mission of advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Finally, I wanted to mention one point which I think is important to remember and, as Saint Paul reminds us, we are a family of faith, called to build up one another in faith, hope and love.

With profound gratitude to you and your parishioners in helping to build our family of faith through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry C. Knestout".

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Diocese of Richmond

PS: I hope you will consider sharing this letter with your parishioners so they too may know of my gratitude for their faithful generosity.