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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis often speaks about of the Church's need to go to the "peripheries". The Diocesan Appeal is one way we do that, reaching out to fellow believers marginalized by geography, social conditions or isolated in other ways that mean they can often be overlooked.

This year's Appeal, "*Reaching out in Mercy*" concretely expresses our solidarity with those who depend on support from the wider diocesan family: small mission parishes, aboriginal individuals and communities, young people. In addition, the Appeal helps provide catechetical and liturgical formation for everyone in the diocese. The brochure explains the Appeal goals for this year in detail.

The Year of Mercy tells us that faith should be expressed in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Please join me in this year's Diocesan Appeal to better serve the material and spiritual needs of our faith community near and far.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen Jensen