



November, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, a time of anticipation and reflection, we are reminded of Christ's boundless love and the hope His coming brings to our world. **Advent calls us to prepare not only our hearts but also our communities to receive the healing and light of Christ.** In this season of waiting, we reflect on how Christ's presence is made real through the Eucharist, which is the very lifeblood of our faith. It unites us in love and service, nourishing us as we work to carry forward His mission, especially in moments of hardship and uncertainty.

Even amidst challenges, our community has responded with resilience and compassion, demonstrating the true power of unity in faith. As we look ahead to what God is calling us to in this season of hope, I write to you today to share our final diocesan appeal for the 2024 year and most importantly to thank you for being a part of this dynamic faith community.

We continue to provide essential support to those in need, ensuring that no one goes without shelter, food, or care. Thanks to the unwavering support of our parishes, the diocesan Emergency Shelter Project has expanded from 20 to 25 units, serving 60 individuals at their time of greatest need. Additionally, through our diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, we have sponsored an average of 50 individuals annually, providing hope and a future to newcomer families.



At the heart of our mission is the belief that we are all one body in Christ, and when one part suffers, we all suffer. This profound understanding compels us to expand our outreach, reaching deeper into our communities to offer the healing love of Christ where it is needed most. Whether through the Emergency Shelter Project, refugee sponsorship, or other outreach initiatives, we strive to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, offering compassion and relief to those in crisis.



We must each listen for the universal call to holiness to serve where it is most needed and where our unique gifts, special to each of us, are of service.

To continue this vital work, we humbly ask for your support of this year's ***Made for Mission*** collection. Your contributions to this fund sustain the outreach programs that provide essential services to those most in need across our Archdiocese and beyond.

**There are several ways you can support this mission:**

- **Call** (902) 429-9800 ext. 125 to donate by phone using a credit card
- **Give online** at [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate)
- Send an e-transfer to **finance@halifaxyarmouth.org**. \*Please note "November 2024" in the memo field.
- Drop your donation to the "**Made for Mission**" appeal in the collection at your local parish
- Set up monthly donations through your bank account by calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 309
- **Pray for our ministries and those we serve: We believe in the power and wisdom of prayer.**

Through charity, service, and prayer, we become part of a larger mission—a community bound together through the Eucharist, extending Christ's healing presence to all who suffer. Your generosity not only transforms the lives of those in need but also strengthens our shared faith and witness to the world.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to those in need. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Brian J. Dunn  
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth