



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

July 8, 2015

Dear Friends:

I write to express my gratitude for your generous response to the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal. Due to the efforts of our Clergy and the Laity, we have established a new record of generosity and support for the social and pastoral needs of the Diocese.

Your hard work, gifts and pledges have resulted in a total of \$4,526,847 raised over the past two months. This represents more than \$300,000 over last year's total and slightly more than \$200,000 over the previous high from 2013.

Most importantly, this enables us to assist thousands of individuals throughout the Diocese who turn to the agencies funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal for assistance with basic needs. We in the Fall River Diocese are blessed by the number of people who respond to this call to promote human dignity and to Christ's call to "love thy neighbor." Your generosity is a tangible example of your commitment to this principle.

In the name of those many thousands who are assisted by the agencies and apostolates sponsored by the Appeal, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you.

I hope the summer months will allow everyone to relax and enjoy some pleasant weather, the beauty of nature around us, and precious time with family and friends. Please be assured of my abiding gratitude to my brother priests for their leadership and advocacy. I would also like to thank the faithful parishioners and local businesses that have led by example through their charitable gifts.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,


Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.
Bishop of Fall River