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Office of the Bishop

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Rev. John Asare
520 - Saint Mary
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Dear Fr. Asare:

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to express my deepest gratitude to you for all you do each day for your parish and our diocese. I am especially thankful for the effort you and your brother priests made to make the *Living Our Mission* campaign a remarkable success.

Over 25,000 families participated in the campaign, resulting in gifts and pledges of over \$103 million. For the next few years, the staff of the Catholic Community Foundation will send out pledge reminders and process payments for multi-year pledges.

Enclosed, you will find a check for your parish based on actual contributions and pledge payments received so far from your parishioners to the *Living Our Mission* campaign. These funds will benefit your parish in accordance with the local Case for Support that you and your leadership developed for this campaign. In this round of funding, we are returning a total of \$2,463,516 to the parishes. This brings the total returned to parishes so far to \$26,168,831.

I appreciate the contributions that you and your parishioners have made to strengthen our parishes and grow vital ministries and programs that affect the lives of many thousands of people within our Diocese.

With my prayers and best wishes for God's continued blessings for you and your parish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Francis X. DiLorenzo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo
Bishop of Richmond