

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am happy to introduce this inaugural newsletter for our diocesan capital and endowment campaign, *Encountering Christ*. This monthly publication will keep you up-to-date on our campaign progress through 2019.

Encountering Christ gives us the opportunity to fulfill many of the goals of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Each gift received will help to support our seminarians and retired priests; strengthen Catholic education, faith formation and discipleship; care for those in need; and provide for the needs of each of our parishes.

I thank the pastors and lay leaders of our Pilot Parishes for leading the way in this important endeavor. Your commitment to strengthening our parishes and the ministries of our diocese is truly inspiring.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin