

Dear Friends,

It has been with great joy that I've watched as parishes across our diocese have embraced *Encountering Christ*. It is inspiring to see moments of grace as people all across our diocese have experienced a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the many visits with each other.

Wave 1 parishes have launched their campaigns, and pastors and volunteers recently attended kickoff events with Bishop Vásquez. It was heartwarming to see so many Catholic leaders together to celebrate our diocese and give such thoughtful consideration to how this campaign will address needs that profoundly affect the future of our local church. Like many who were present, I left these meetings inspired by our bishop's words and riding a wave of enthusiasm for this effort.

As director of Stewardship and Development, thank you for your continued support of our diocese and its mission and ministries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Whitaker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Whitaker  
Director of Stewardship and Development