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Dear Friends in Christ,

As Bishop of Fall River, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful of this Diocese who have donated to or in any way supported the 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal. Because of your prayers, interest, and help, and also because of your generosity with time and money, this effort will successfully continue to provide for and assist those in our area who are most in need. The people in the Diocese of Fall River have once again demonstrated a spirit of sacrifice and a true desire to share with their neighbors and to help change their lives for the better.

Moreover, I am especially grateful to the many benefactors who made an extra effort to respond generously, perhaps anticipating the difficulties others may experience this year. In light of the current economic recession that has made its bitter impact felt particularly in our region, your contributions have been more important than ever. On behalf of all those who will be assisted by this Appeal and to those who worked so hard to make this year's collection a success, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

With deep appreciation and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

*+ Henry W. Coleman*

Bishop of Fall River