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Dear Friends in Christ:

One of the greatest joys of my life is my vocation as a Capuchin priest. I love St. Francis, his ideals, and his way of life. A defining characteristic of his ministry was to rely on the kindness of neighbors and friends to provide for his mission and for the material needs of those he served.

In my ministry as the Archbishop of Boston, I too rely on faith-filled people like you to share your talents and gifts to ensure that our Archdiocese can continue its essential mission. Your previous gifts have meant so much, yet the need for the Church's ministry has only increased during these difficult economic times.

With these realities in mind, I come to you, in the tradition of St. Francis, to ask for your generous support of the 2010 Catholic Appeal.

During Lent we are reminded of our call to share with our brothers and sisters in the Church and the wider community. As Catholics, we are reminded that as generous as we are, we can never match the generosity and goodness of God, who is the source of all our gifts and blessings.

Please know that your contribution will make a meaningful difference to the people who benefit from the services and ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. I thank you in advance for your support and ask for your prayers for a successful campaign.

The enclosed brochure provides information concerning all the ministries that are supported by your gifts to the Catholic Appeal. There is also a combination pledge/reply envelope for your use. Gifts can be submitted in the collection basket in your parish on **Appeal Weekend: March 6-7, 2010** or mailed to us.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your loved ones, I remain,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston