

BISHOP



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Truly, it is an understatement that 2020 has been a challenging year for us all. I am profoundly grateful for the support and joy of the people of the Diocese of Columbus. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic can be found in all aspects of our lives. We remain vigilant in safeguarding our health, the health of our parishioners, those in our schools, diocesan facilities, and wherever we interact with the general public.

I am most impressed and encouraged by the quick response of our faithful Catholics who come to the aid of those in need. You have stepped up and helped those financially with giving to the Catholic Emergency Response Fund (CERF) at The Catholic Foundation and have also donated items and volunteered your time at our Diocesan organizations. This year will be judged by many as a bleak time, however, the witness of your faith, commitment, and generosity to our community brings me hope.

Hope is considered one of the three theological virtues in Christian tradition. Hope is a combination of the desire for something and expectation of receiving it, and the virtue is hoping for Divine union and eternal happiness. While faith is a function of the intellect, hope is an act of the will. One cannot have hope without faith. You have given our community both hope, and as a result, have strengthened the faith of so many.

To all of those who have given, I can't tell you how much you are appreciated. For those of you who are inspired and moved to do more, and want to make a gift that will endure long after we are gone, please consider a planned gift to your parish, school, or favorite ministry. This option is easier than ever when you work with The Catholic Foundation and enables you to bring not just hope but faith and change to our Catholic community.

As I approach almost two years in the Diocese, I am truly blessed to serve as your Bishop. I am proud of the work we have already accomplished and stand with you in our journey to share hope and faith to those in the future.

Be assured of my continued prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
BISHOP OF COLUMBUS