

Letter from Archbishop Gustavo to Parishioners



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You know the Gospel story of "The Widow's Mite." Jesus is watching the crowd make their church offerings. Many rich people put in great sums. One poor widow arrives and offers two coins worth just a few cents. "She put in more than all the others," Jesus tells his disciples, "for she has contributed all she had."

**The call to stewardship is about offering back all we have to God
because He is the source of all we have and all we are.**

Each year, we come together as an Archdiocese to support more than 30 vital Catholic ministries serving the material and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters.

Thank you for leading and faithfully serving others through the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries. Through your gift, children and adults will hear the Word of God. The poor will be lovingly served. New priests, deacons, and lay leaders will be formed, and all those in parish communities will be served with compassion. Those who are lonely, isolated, or uneducated will be lovingly cared for, as well. Together, we become the face of Jesus for those whose lives are changed for the better.

It is not easy to trust so completely, especially when we are facing hardships. It's even harder to imagine giving the last few pennies of our livelihood as the widow did! But our faith offers us the resilience and courage we need to persevere in doing good. As generous stewards and Christ-like disciples, we give glory to God and to Jesus.

We move forward in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries together in faith. Please know that you and your loved ones remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, MSPS
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