Letter from Bishop Luis Zarama

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to offer my personal thanks for your support of the 2023 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. I am humbled by your generosity and inspired by the hope it signifies. Your prayers and financial gifts aid so many in need and enable us to joyfully share the Gospel in Eastern North Carolina. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others. May the Lord richly reward you for your generosity and sacrifice.

In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.
Bishop of Raleigh

Catholic Diocese of Raleigh by the Numbers

- 20,039 Donors
- 81 Parishes
- 14 Missions
- 246,213 Registered Catholics
- 31 Catholic Schools
  - without the private High Schools (4)
In 2023 your donations helped fund:

- **2** ordinations to the Transitional Diaconate
  - Deacon Ross Williams
  - Deacon Cong Le

- **1** newly ordained priest
  - Fr Nicolas Rapkoch

- **14** seminarians prepare for ordination to the Priesthood

**The Diocese ministered by way of:**

- **4,125** First Communions
- **840** Marriages
- **4,343** Baptisms
- **4 million** pounds of food distributed to those in need
- **9,483** students in Catholic schools
- **707** teachers in Catholic schools
- **3,359** Confirmations
- **47,000** families were provided food assistance

In 2023, your donations helped fund these significant achievements.