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## “THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT DEEDS FOR US, INDEED”

*Psalm 126*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we have witnessed over the past year, the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter is thriving in its unique role in evangelization. Our parishes have been marked by extraordinary growth, blessed with new members entering into full Catholic communion, with vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and those discerning religious life, and with further integration into the life of the Catholic Church. As Psalm 126 proclaims, “*The Lord has done great deeds for us, indeed!*”

This psalm serves as the theme for our **2017 Bishop’s Appeal**. God’s abundant generosity towards the Ordinariate invites us to deepen our commitment to draw others into the Eucharistic communion of the Church. We are called to be active participants in our shared mission of evangelization to our brothers and sisters who seek the fullness of faith, and to those within the Church whose faith has grown lukewarm.

***Through the annual Bishop’s Appeal, we are presented with a unique opportunity to join with others across the Ordinariate in supporting the essential programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone.*** These Chancery-based ministries are needed to lay a solid structural foundation to support our parishes and clergy into the future. Gifts to the Bishop’s Appeal make it possible for the the Ordinariate to provide:

- Formation opportunities for your pastors, deacons, and current and future seminarians;
- Communications outreach to your fellow parishioners and Ordinariate supporters;
- Chancery operations to support the development of our parishes; and
- Opportunities for my travel to our parishes to teach and preach the faith.

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, I thank you for your sacrificial commitment to the Bishop’s Appeal and to our work together in the service of our Lord. Please review the enclosed materials to learn more about how you might respond to God’s unreserved generosity towards us through a gift in support of our evangelizing mission.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Your faithful Shepherd,

*Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes*

Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter