Dear Friends in Christ,

January 2022 marks ten years since the formal establishment of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. There is much to be grateful for, much to look forward to. At the inauguration of his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed, “Open wide the doors to Christ!” summoning all to discipleship, prayer, and a rededication to God for the New Evangelization at the Third Christian Millennium. This call resounds still for us in the Ordinariate. Post-Covid we have a unique opportunity for evangelization, welcoming new people to a life-changing encounter with the living Christ who is present in and through his Body, the Church. The fear, isolation, and life “without God” we have experienced in the pandemic gives way to a lively faith, active devotion, and beauty in worship. This is how we proclaim Christ to the world. This is how we recognize Christ in our midst.

I would personally like to invite you to support the evangelizing mission of the Ordinariate that propels our continuing growth. Below are just a few ways that your support helps the Ordinariate thrive and grow:

- **Five seminarians** are preparing for ordination to the priesthood at our own Benedict XVI House of Formation, St. Mary’s Seminary, and the North American College in Rome.
- **We ordained three new priests** in 2021.
- St. Margaret of Scotland in Oakwood, Georgia was recognized as a community in formation. Two new communities are developing in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Knoxville, Tennessee.
- The current parishes and communities of the Ordinariate continue to grow! Holy Martyrs of England and Wales in Murrieta, California advanced to quasi-parish status. St. Thomas Becket in Ft. Worth, Texas is celebrating the consecration of their new church and altar today as they settle into their permanent home.

I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this growing mission with a monetary gift to the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal. Your gift, no matter how large or small contributes to these works and makes more like them possible. Now is the time to double down on faith and discipleship. Now is the time to invite new people into the adventure of full communion and re-invigorate their Catholic faith through the worship of God and the beauty of holiness. Your generosity brings new Ordinariate members into full Catholic communion; cultivates additional vocations to the priesthood and religious life; provides crucial administrative support to grow our Parishes; and further spread the Gospel the world so desperately needs. The Ordinariate is stronger because of your generosity.

Throw open the doors of your hearts to Christ! I thank you for your prayerful consideration of a sacrificial commitment to this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. With my profound appreciation for your zeal for the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

P.S. You may use the enclosed envelope and pledge card to donate to the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal or save time and a stamp by giving online at ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal.