



# ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I present this financial report to you, I am filled with gratitude to the Father for the numerous ways that you give of your treasure to support the archdiocese. Even though we may look around us and see a world darkened with war and hatred and a culture that has rejected God, we also see the great works the Lord is doing to make his salvation known. Jesus Christ is the light that shines in the darkness (*John 1:5*) and he calls each of us to carry this light into the darkness of the world around us (*Matthew 5:14-16*).

In 2023, we began acting upon what the Holy Spirit revealed to us during the synodal event in 2022. It became clear that God desires to bring healing to his people, and especially within families. In 2023, therefore, we began hosting courses and retreats for couples through the Encounter School of Ministry and the St. John Paul II Healing Center. The Holy Spirit also revealed through the synodal event that our priests need to be more free to engage in ministry. After a period of further discernment on how to free them up for ministry, we are taking the necessary steps to support our priests in new ways.

The vibrancy of the faith of God's people in Denver was on full display in 2023. Countless young people from across the archdiocese traveled to Lisbon for World Youth Day, finding communion with others across the globe who also are on fire with love for Jesus Christ. 2023 also marked the beginning of the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival and many people began visiting the pilgrimage churches across the Archdiocese to commemorate this year and grow in their love and devotion for Christ's enduring presence among us. The light of Christ truly shines in the darkness of the world around us.

In the following pages, you will read about many examples of the Lord working through the Church to comfort the needy and sick, protect the vulnerable, educate children, adults, and seminarians, and share the Gospel with the people of northern Colorado. None of this is possible without the admirable generosity of many people from every part of the archdiocese. On behalf of all those who are served by the Church, thank you!

As we progress through 2024, may our eyes be opened to God's actions and our ears attentive to his still, small voice so that we can follow him and experience his love afire in our hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.  
Archbishop of Denver