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The Reverend Father Jeffrey S. Tunnicliff St. Michael's Church 401 South Main Street Newark, New York 14513

Reverend and dear Father Tunnicliff and devoted Parishioners:

I write to express my most sincere gratitude to you and your very dedicated parishioners for exceeding your assigned goal in commitments for the 2016/2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your generous support of the Appeal allows countless ordained and lay ministers to nurture the faith and to enrich the minds, hearts and souls of thousands of women, men and children across the Diocese of Rochester.

Raised in Christ was chosen as the theme of our 2016-2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal because it calls to mind the many extraordinary ways Our Savior raises us to new life with His merciful, unending love, and how, in turn, each of us is called to do the same for our sisters and brothers in Christ. By praying, working and sacrificing together, we are building up the Body of Christ and strengthening the faith life of our people into the future across the Diocese of Rochester.

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your parish family and I ask for a memento in your prayers in order that I may be a Good Shepherd to all entrusted to my pastoral care.

Invoking the intercession of our Patron, Saint John Fisher, I remain, with an assurance of my prayers,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano Bishop of Rochester

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