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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings. I am confident the ever-present Holy Spirit has accompanied you throughout the past 18 months of the Covid 19 Pandemic. As your Bishop, I encourage your renewed or continued participation at Sunday Mass in your parish and, as your health allows, please do claim your place at The Lord's Supper each Sunday, He is the source and summit of our lives. The songwriter Laurence Rosania describes how Jesus prepares the Eucharist for us:

*Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.*

The sharing of The Supper of the Lord in your parish is for all believers. **Come Let Us Worship!**

The mission of the Church in the Diocese of Helena and at our mission in Guatemala is accomplished, in part, by gifts given to our Annual Catholic Appeal. Sisters and Brothers in Christ, you are the means to accomplish the mission of the Church. Our good and gracious God has bestowed upon our diocese, in every generation, generous and faith-filled people who lovingly respond, with humility and grace, in service to the Gospel in their time.

When you make a gift you help people in need at our medical clinic and school in rural Guatemala. Your support feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, comforts the afflicted and educates young women and men.

When you make a gift you inspire devotion in children and young adults to lead a life of faith and service. Your support sustains faith formation, youth and young adult ministry and campus ministry.

When you make a gift you provide assistance to your parish in the form of services and programming that your parish would have a difficult time providing on its own. Your support offers Human Resources assistance and Safe Environment administration and compliance including background checks for all employees and volunteers.

When you make a gift you bless our Priests, who have been chosen to lead a life of ordained service. Your support forms men for Priestly ministry, promotes vocations awareness and cares for our Priests in their later years.

As we worship at The Altar and serve His people may we experience a deep and personal encounter with Jesus so that, transformed through faith, hope and charity, we are moved to respond to the needs of the marginalized, raise up vibrant parishes and form fruitful ministries.

Together we will meet our \$2,000,000 goal and continue caring for all that has been entrusted to us by God. Know of my prayers for you and please do pray for me.

In Christ, I am



Most Reverend Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

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