



October 16, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite you to participate in the 2022-2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), which begins the weekend of October 29-30. Your prayers and financial support are vital in providing programs and services to thousands in Central Texas.

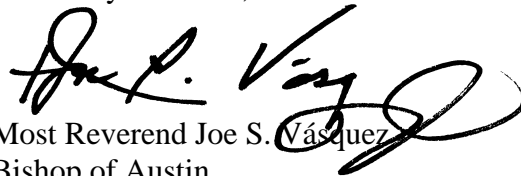
The theme I chose this year is both timely and timeless, *This is my Body... This is my Blood*. These words are prayed at each Mass celebrated around the world and express the profound gift of Christ to us. The Eucharist is the spiritual nourishment that sustains us and enables us to share Christ's love with others. Though life can be challenging at times, the Eucharist remains the source of our strength.

Over the years the needs within our diocese have increased tremendously. We need to inspire more men and women to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. We need to educate more young people in our Catholic schools. We need to strengthen our service to others through Catholic Charities of Central Texas. We need to care for and support our retired clergy, and we need to help every Catholic grow their faith through active participation in parish life.

As we respond to these many needs, we recognize the love of Christ within us. You will soon receive information about the ministries and programs funded by the Catholic Services Appeal, and I ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CSA. Please take a few moments to learn the profound difference that your generosity makes to the people of Central Texas.

Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. Please give generously as we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our diocese.

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Joe S. Vásquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez  
Bishop of Austin