

Diocese of Dallas



**OFFICE OF THE
APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

February 5, 2017

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The week ahead is a momentous one for our diocese with the installation of Bishop Edward J. Burns as the 8th Bishop of Dallas on Thursday. As we begin a new era in our diocese, we also continue, under the leadership of Bishop Burns, to do the essential things we are called to do as followers of Jesus, the essential things our Jewish brothers and sisters were called to do as the chosen people of the covenant. We heard this detailed in today's first reading: how we must share our bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless and clothe the naked when we see them. When we do this, then "light shall rise for you in the darkness".

One of the principal ways we share our gifts with our brothers and sisters in need at this time is by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal ensures that the ministries of the church in the Diocese of Dallas will continue to reach out to others and see that the hungry are fed, the oppressed and homeless sheltered, and the naked clothed. Your gift transforms lives, demonstrates compassion and serves as a living tribute of your faith.

I ask each of you to consider the many blessings that God has given you and to open your hearts in support of the Bishop's Appeal and for all the people it helps. Thank you.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gregory Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator