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Share Appeal Sunday 2025

I AM TAKING THE opportunity to write to you today, on **Share Appeal Sunday**, about the second collection taken up at weekend Masses throughout the year. **Share**, the diocesan development fund, depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. It reflects, practically, our solidarity, support, love and care for each other. I appeal to you today, if you can, to increase your contribution to **Share** throughout the year to enhance our response to local needs.

In this Jubilee Year, we continue the synodal journey of renewal in the Church recalling that every Christian is sent, emerging from the waters of Baptism with Jesus, to bring God's healing love to all the world. As we hear in the first reading today: 'wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows.' (Ezekiel 47:9).

Every initiative in the Church, each ministry, each encounter of welcome, formation and service, is rooted in the grace and calling received equally by all at Baptism (see *Baptised and Sent*, 54).

With the help of your contributions to **Share**, our diocesan offices seek to strengthen our call to be missionary disciples of Jesus. Because of your generosity, personnel across all the diocesan offices are available for consultation, training, formation and guidance concerning local pastoral ministry, education, strategic leadership, safeguarding and communications initiatives. They support parishes in meeting statutory obligations in governance, and in administrative, legal and operational matters, such as finance and fundraising, property, health and safety, and data protection.

The **Share** collection has evolved over the years and continues to evolve. It remains a significant source of funding and support across the Archdiocese, strengthening parishes and partnerships of parishes in mission and service. Importantly, **Share** also provides much needed financial relief to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured.

It is necessary for all of us to become more aware of the challenges faced in different parishes and partnerships in the Archdiocese. Pope Leo has highlighted the transformative nature, for all, of Christian love: 'By its nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what is apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it.' (*Dilexi Te*, 120)

This is the love we hope to embody, we who have been baptised and sent. Together we are *Building Hope*, founded on the risen Lord, seeking to love, and live life well in his Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:20-22).

Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this **Share Appeal Sunday** and for your generosity to **Share** throughout the year, in support of mission, service and solidarity.

In gratitude, and with every blessing,

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin