



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the 33rd year of the *Lumen Christi Scholarship Appeal*, we are excited once again to support our Catholic elementary and secondary schools. Diocesan Catholic schools are a priority in the Diocese of Palm Beach and provide education and formation of more than 6,000 students from the five counties of our Diocese.

Last year, the Appeal had its most successful return in its 33-year history despite the absence of the Gala due to the pandemic. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, the 2020 Appeal raised over \$400,000 and made it possible for many families to continue their Catholic school education. We hope to be able to further that assistance this year to even more deserving students, although we once again will not be celebrating in person.

This year's *Lumen Christi Scholarship Appeal* theme of *Let Your Light Shine* are the words of our Lord; *"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father"* (Mt 5:16). With your good deeds and generosity, you truly give children a chance at a brighter future.

One hundred percent of the net proceeds from your donation will be allocated to tuition assistance scholarships enabling students who are in need to attend our Catholic schools and give them the opportunity of a Christ-centered education. Together, we must continue to encourage our students to let their light shine in their faith and academics.

While we cannot celebrate in person again this year, I invite you to make a gift online as we continue our commitment to support Catholic education through the *Lumen Christi* scholarships.

Your gift will set our students up for success and let their light shine while instilling Catholic values. If you are unable to help financially, I ask that you pray for our students, teachers, and staff as they navigate through this school year. With deep appreciation for your support, and with every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald M. Barbarito".

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito