



Dear Friends,

I have been deeply humbled by the welcome extended to me by the people of this great archdiocese. Having served most recently as Bishop of Joliet, Illinois, and previously as an auxiliary bishop and parish priest in Chicago, I come to this ministry with a profound sense of mission and a heart full of gratitude for the opportunity to walk with you as we proclaim the Gospel in service to all God's people.

As I am preparing to serve as your shepherd, I am grateful for the many ministries that sustain the life of the Church through the supporters of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Through these efforts, we support Catholic schools and struggling parishes, prepare seminarians for priestly ministry, and provide life-sustaining assistance through Catholic Charities and other charitable works. Especially in times of uncertainty, the Church's presence of hope and service is sustained by the faithful commitment of those who believe in this mission.

It is through faithful stewardship that we extend Christ's compassion and service to every corner of our community.

Thank you again for your warm welcome, for your trust, and your prayers. Please know that I hold you and your loved ones in my prayers.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Ronald A. Hicks

+The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Archbishop of New York

