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Dear Friends in Christ,

After spending most of his life in humble obscurity, Jesus Christ revealed himself by the miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding feast. "There he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him," the Gospel tells us. He did so only after his mother said to the servants, "do **whatever He tells** you." She spoke to them as she speaks to us today, trusting her son and beckoning us to do likewise.

When we hear the Gospel proclaimed at Mass or read it in our devotions and study, it is all too easy to think of the wedding at Cana and all the rest as distant, far removed from our own lives and struggles. Yet the apostles and those who met Christ face-to-face were not all that different from us. They laughed, cried, rejoiced, grappled with their own flaws, lived in turbulent and uncertain times, and walked in a world that desperately needed hope and light. For each of them, an unexpected moment of encounter came and altered the course of their lives.

When we encounter Christ today, in sacrament, scripture, and in each other, he calls us to follow, to believe, and to be transformed. Contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal is a concrete way each of us can respond to that call. As we have encountered Christ, so too must we be instruments of that encounter for others. Your charitable gifts to the Appeal fund dozens of vital ministries throughout the Diocese of Helena and beyond. Your generosity makes it possible for the Church to answer Christ's call.

My sisters and brothers, I pray for you daily. I give thanks for your presence, your discipleship, and your generous response to Our Lady, who lovingly says to each of us, "do **whatever He tells** you."

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Monsignor Kevin O'Neill
Administrator, Diocese of Helena



IN **FAITH**



WITH **HOPE**



THROUGH **LOVE**

..... **Believe in Him**



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