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Dear Father,

Christmas Appeal 2023

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat.

I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Catholic Mission Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine	10,000
Caritas Humanitarian Aid for Gaza	10,000
St Columban's Mission, "Shared Table" Peru	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
St Vincent de Paul	5,000
CatholicCare Victoria	5,000
Aid to the Church in Need	2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	2,000
Total donations made in 2023	\$44,000

In anticipation I thank you for your co-operation in recommending the 2023 Christmas Appeal to the generosity of your parishioners and giving them the opportunity to make their contribution when convenient. I note that donations can now also be made directly via the "Parish Giving" link at the bottom of the Diocesan website home page [🔗](#). Click on "Parish Giving", select your Parish, then from the drop down box "My Giving is For", select "Bishop's Christmas Appeal".

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat