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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to again share the annual financial statements of the Central Administration Office of the Diocese of Cleveland. The statements for fiscal year 2014 have been reviewed by the members of the Diocesan Finance Council and audited by our certified public accountants. I thank the members of the Diocesan Finance Council for their advice and counsel on financial matters throughout the year.

These statements show your support for the ministries that are performed and supported at the Diocesan level including Catholic education, catechesis, clergy and religious personnel, parish life, and the Chancery. The statements also show the support for the administrative work of the Diocese including legal, finance, and facilities. As more fully discussed in the materials, these Diocesan services complement and support the many ministries performed by our parishes and by Catholic Charities. The stewardship contributions of time, talent, and treasure of so many good people throughout the eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland make these important works of our Church possible.

I also am sharing with you through this Finance Department website the audited financial statements of our other Diocesan entities. All of this financial data can be reviewed at: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/finance.

My pledge to you is to be transparent in how we utilize the resources that you have entrusted to us so that you can see how your contributions have contributed to the good works of our Diocese.

As I approach my ninth anniversary in the Diocese of Cleveland, I have enjoyed visiting with so many of you at our parishes, schools, Catholic Charities facilities, and other Catholic organizations. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers and may God bless you always.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon Bishop of Cleveland