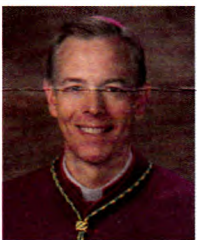




I am on my own personal journey of faith

Praised be Jesus Christ!



Brothers and Sisters,

The focus of our 2018 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (ACA) highlights the faith journey of fellow Catholics in the Archdiocese of Portland. Like the individuals highlighted in this year's story, I am on my own personal journey of

faith. After arriving in Portland and being installed as the local Archbishop, I have grown to love and serve in this Archdiocese. I have also had my own challenges on my journey, including balancing a very full schedule while still managing the needs of my aging mother for whom I care. In mid-September, I took a break and led a pilgrimage to Portugal to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Fatima is the small town just an hour north of Lisbon where Our Lady appeared to three young children six times in 1917.

I have been on many pilgrimages before, but this particular trip was a pivotal moment in my own faith life and spiritual journey. Our time in Fatima was filled with grace. I had the honor of leading the rosary and candlelight procession and later celebrated Mass at the very site of the apparitions of Our Lady. We could feel her motherly presence. I would like the

faithful of the Archdiocese of Portland to know that I laid there at the feet of Our Lady of Fatima special petitions and prayers for our local Church. These included prayers for all the faithful, for our priests and for more holy priestly vocations.

Many of the special petitions and prayers for our local Church also need your help. I have already asked many of you to pray a daily rosary and to practice the first five Saturday devotions, as requested by Our Lady. In addition, I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in this year's appeal. The power of prayer in addition to your support will allow us to sustain and grow our ministries together here in western Oregon.

Please accept the enclosed prayer card as a token of my appreciation for your support and a reminder of our journey together as I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon



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