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Dear Friends,

Since I arrived here in January, I have been inspired by the many wonderful things happening in our diocese. At the same time, knowing that 70% of Catholics don't come to Church on Sunday I yearn to do whatever possible to re-engage disengaged Catholics and enrich the lives of those who do come to Church faithfully, so that together we can grow stronger in our commitment to Christ and the Church.

Spiritual reading has played a powerful role in my life and it is my hope that this great Catholic practice will have a resurgence in our time. But I am told, last year only 1% of Catholics in the United States read a Catholic book. We are all busy, but if every Catholic in our diocese read a good Catholic book for 15 minutes each day I believe this alone would spark a phenomenal transformation in our lives, parishes, and diocese.

To get our diocese reading I am excited to gift everyone who attends a Christmas Mass this year a copy of *Rediscovering Catholicism*. This is a book that is resonating in a powerful way with the people of our times. It has sold more than 1,000,000 copies and has been continuously on the Catholic bestseller list for more than eight years. I am hopeful that this book will bring many people back to the Church in our diocese and take those who are already engaged to a new and enriching place in their spiritual journey.

I invite you to make a generous gift to support this effort, so that this Christmas we can carry out this unprecedented initiative in our diocese. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
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