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DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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A young woman with an extraordinary voice put her gift to use. By the time she was in her late teens, she began to receive offers to be a soloist in various live performances. When asked about her success, she explained that it takes lots of practice, and she is grateful for the continued advice from her voice coach and one other person. She was referring to her accompanist, the musician who plays the notes on a piano during rehearsals. She was glad that the accompanist was reassuring and always ready to point out when she did not sing the right note!

Pope Francis points out that everyone needs personal accompaniment for our journey with Christ to the Father. This accompaniment must be steady and reassuring. It must reflect a closeness and a compassionate gaze that heals, liberates, and encourages. It happens especially by listening, even more carefully than the accompanist listens to the singer's voice during endless rehearsals (The Joy of the Gospel, 169-173).

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive in our diocese supports 14 ministries through which people are accompanied in their journey. As Pope Francis explains, this accompaniment is provided by true missionary disciples. I urge you to listen to the two stories attached to this letter as concrete examples.

Your support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Drive can transform lives. There is no other source of funding available, and many talented laypersons in our diocese volunteer their time and talent. Without their help, and your help, we would not be able to get the work done. I am grateful for everyone's help in this mission.

As Pope Francis observes, genuine accompaniment begins and flourishes in the context of service to the mission of the Church, which is the announcement of the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

100% of your gift goes directly to these efforts. I have already made my pledge. Please join me.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Drive! Please help everyone to hit the right notes this year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese

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