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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I write to you with a grateful heart to thank you for your outstanding response to the 2025 ShareLife Parish Campaign.

Together, our Catholic community raised \$15.6 million to care for those who are struggling across our archdiocese. Never before has our Parish Campaign reached this level, and it is a beautiful testament to the faith, care, and commitment of our community.

I am deeply aware that this generosity was offered in a time of real economic strain. Many families are carrying heavier burdens, feeling the rising cost of daily life, and making careful choices about what they can give. And despite these challenges, you understood the needs around you, including the growing reality of hunger in our communities, and you chose to respond with compassion. That choice matters. It speaks volumes about the kind of Church we are, and the kind of people you are.

Because of you, ShareLife has been able to strengthen its response to food insecurity through our Food Security Grants, helping parishes and social agencies provide groceries, meals, and essential support to individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. In neighbourhoods across the archdiocese, your care is reaching people with faithfulness and love, right where it is needed most.

This year is also a meaningful moment in our shared story. In 1976, my esteemed predecessor Archbishop Philip Pocock made a courageous and principled decision to establish ShareLife so that the Church could respond faithfully to an array of human needs in a way that is rooted in our Catholic values and our respect for the dignity of every person. That moment of conscience gave birth to a mission that continues to bear fruit today.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of ShareLife, we give thanks for the faith that has sustained this mission for five decades, and we entrust its future once again to God's grace and to the loving care of our community members.

Thank you for your generous hearts, for your witness, and for your continued participation in the ShareLife Parish Campaign. Through you, the Church continues to be present where it is most needed and a beacon of hope and magnanimity. May God's blessings be abundant and powerful in your lives and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto