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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thirty years ago this year, Cardinal Winning established a project, which we now know as the St Nicholas Care Fund, to help respond to the poverty and need he saw as he visited communities across the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

Today poverty continues to afflict the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese. Indeed, the need for help has never been greater.

The St Nicolas Care Fund provides assistance, in Christ's name, to people and communities facing hardship, putting into practice Jesus' words: "whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me."

Help is provided regardless of race, politics, or religion. Typically, assistance is provided through small grants given to community groups, schools, churches, and charities offering support to those in greatest need.

Throughout the past year, the Care Fund has provided funds to support people without access to the basics – safety, warmth, food and clothing.

People affected by illness; drug and alcohol addiction; men, women and children fleeing war and persecution and looking for safety and a better life; the frail elderly or children isolated from their peers ... all have received support from our Fund in recent months.

Every penny you donate to the St Nicholas Care Fund goes to assist those in need. This Caring Sunday, I ask you to give what you can, so that we can continue to reach out and help those whose lives are blighted by poverty.

With my prayers and good wishes,

+William Nolan
Archbishop of Glasgow