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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thirty-one years ago this year, the late Cardinal Winning established the St. Nicholas Care Fund in response to the poverty and need he witnessed throughout the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

The St Nicholas Care Fund has, over the years, provided support to people and communities throughout the Archdiocese and beyond who are facing hardship – vulnerable groups and individuals affected by addiction, loneliness or discrimination; refugees fleeing conflict and the impact of climate change, and people without homes or families of their own who are struggling to survive this winter.

Support is provided to all regardless of their religion, their race, or their circumstances.

The Care Fund relies mainly on the generous donations of the people of the parishes, so this year, once again, I ask you to dig deep and give what you can so that we can continue to direct our support where it is most needed – grants to community groups, schools, and churches providing practical support to individuals and families in need ... People in our midst. People who view the upcoming feast of Christmas with fear and anxiety rather than hope and joy

This year more than ever before, the cost-of-living crisis and international events have meant a surge in requests for assistance from the Care Fund - widening health inequalities, food inflation and diminishing financial support has badly affected those already struggling and it is the money you entrust to us which enables us to continue our work.

This Advent - and every Advent - we focus on the figure of John the Baptist who 'prepares the way for the Lord'. We can do something similar by helping those whose need is greatest. They too are waiting for the Lord, and we can be His heralds in bringing them assistance and care.

Thank you for your continued generosity and trust.

Yours devotedly,

+ Most Reverend William Nolan
Archbishop of Glasgow