

*Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.  
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.  
They immediately told him about her.  
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.  
Then the fever left her, and she waited on them (Mark 1:29-31).*

## *My Sisters and Brothers in Christ*

Great is our Lord! My own eyes are opened when I visit your parishes and see the work of God in your ministries. My heart is full of love for you as you journey to His heavenly Kingdom.

When you hear the Gospel proclaimed, you and I learn how great is our Lord as Jesus the Eucharist shows us how to serve God. He takes on the presence of one another and in His divinity creates heaven on earth. He teaches us, then, how to continue the Covenant as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

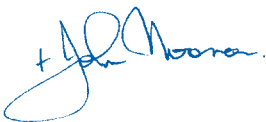
Jesus leaves the Synagogue and enters the house of Peter and his brother, Andrew. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus, the Eucharist, approached her, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them.

How great is our Lord that He helps us to understand the perfection of His Gift. Jesus the Eucharist grasps our brokenness and raises us up to serve one another.

The ministries supported by you through Our Catholic Appeal proclaim great is our Lord! You receive the Eucharist and become the gift of Jesus to serve one another. You do this as you form seminarians and deacons; teach children about the Sacraments; develop the strength of God's unitive love in the Sacrament of Marriage; communicate God's message of holiness through social media; or glorify God through prayerful building projects.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, great is our Lord! Jesus never tires of His love of you. Come to His table and receive. Take Him to each other.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*



Most Reverend John Noonan  
Bishop of Orlando

