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To Catholics across the Diocese of Little Rock,

The One Church initiative began in our diocese to invite the Catholic community across our state to come together to help one of our small parishes or missions accomplish something they cannot do on their own — something that will enrich the life and faith of their local Catholic community and neighbors.

Our One Church partner this year dates back to 1887, when a priest from Brinkley held the first Catholic service in Stuttgart. Over time, Holy Rosary Church was established, and their first church building was dedicated on the Feast of the Holy Rosary in 1898. Soon after, the parish added a school that was staffed at different times by the Olivetan Benedictine sisters from Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro and the Benedictine sisters from St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith.

Holy Rosary Catholic School has a long and respected history of serving the whole community. Today, children can begin in pre-kindergarten and remain through sixth grade before moving on to further their education. The demand for spots in their 3- and 4-year-old program is growing as daycare options are limited in Arkansas County.

To meet this need, the parishioners at Holy Rosary Church and school families are adding an Early Childhood Development Center. They plan to purchase a modular building that can accommodate classrooms for the pre-K and kindergarten curriculum and expand to add spots for 1- and 2-years-olds. They cannot do this alone because the cost is expected to exceed \$400,000.

I humbly ask you, as your Bishop, to consider what you can do to support their effort to serve, educate, and catechize young children in Stuttgart and the surrounding area through a new Early Childhood Development Center. This endeavor is rooted in our calling as Catholics to share the Good News with our neighbors and to begin fostering a love for the faith in the lives of the youngest members of the Church.

You can find more information about this project and ways to give on the diocesan website at dolr.org/one-church.

May the Lord bless our One Church efforts that unite us as Catholics in Arkansas through our faith and its call to be missionaries for Christ, just like the early priests and women religious who served in Stuttgart. Together, may we help Holy Rosary Church and School see their Early Childhood Development Center come to fruition and be filled with the happy sounds of children growing in grace and wisdom very soon.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock