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Dear brothers and sisters,

You're undoubtedly familiar with the Parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho is attacked by robbers, stripped, and left for dead. The first two people who encounter him pass from the far side of the road. They did not want to get too close.

The parable challenges us: if a brother or sister reaches out for help, will we treat them like our neighbour, or keep them at arm's length? I'm grateful that you, like the Good Samaritan, have chosen to offer a helping hand. Since the pandemic began, parishioners like you throughout the archdiocese have been heroically supporting those who are poor and marginalized through ShareLife.

For us today, the person at the side of the road is a victim of domestic violence, desperate to find safety. He is a student battling depression, like so many young people struggling with isolation and an uncertain future. She is an elderly woman living alone, at risk of being forgotten by society. Without a Good Samaritan – without you – what would become of them?

These are but a few examples of the many people you help every year through ShareLife. Your gift to ShareLife ensures each person receives the care they need, whether that's mental health services, a nutritious meal, or a pathway to housing and employment. Your kindness towards others makes a big difference.

Without you, the hope and healing they receive from ShareLife-funded agencies would not be possible. That's why it's vital we reach our Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million. And that's why, as your archbishop and brother in Christ, I'm asking for your helping hand.

Please join me today in making a sacrificial Lenten gift to ShareLife. Your act of love will make a tangible difference in the life of your neighbour in need, while helping rebuild the resiliency of your community.

I thank you for choosing to say yes, like the Good Samaritan, through your compassion and generosity.

God bless you and your loved ones,

† Thomas Card. Collins

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PS Your gift to ShareLife supports Catholic agencies that uphold our faith and values, while ensuring the maximum amount goes towards helping those they serve. Thank you for "living the Gospel!"