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# Our TRUST is in the LORD!



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Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a young man teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade religious education at my parish, a student asked, “How do you know God exists?” Ah, tough question I thought...All of a sudden, it came to me. How do we know that there is wind? We don’t see the wind, but we see the effects of the wind moving clouds in the sky, leaves on the trees, or waves on the water. We see the movement of the wind on things, but we don’t see the wind itself.

Right then, this beautiful white puffy down feather flew through the middle of the circle where we gathered. Thank you Lord, there it is. God is present and God is moving in our lives. The effects of God in our lives may not be overly obvious at times but there are subtle experiences that are convincing us every day that God cares for us and is working with us. I always think about that little feather and pray that we may be like a feather and offer the least resistance to whatever God’s will is in our lives.

I share this feather story and one of my favorite scripture passages “*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*” Matt 6:25, because it reminds us that God is all around caring for us and **Our Trust is in the Lord**. We “see” God at work daily in our lives and in our parishes and schools through the many ministries and services supported by the Idaho Catholic Appeal.

During this season of Lent, we always focus on our relationship with the Lord and his will in our lives. This year, I invite and encourage you to draw closer to the Lord. You can participate through your prayers and your financial support of our diocesan ministries, programs and services funded by the annual Idaho Catholic Appeal.

May you, too, be like a feather offering the least resistance to whatever God’s will is in your life. Please join me today in helping people encounter God with your pledge or one-time gift to the Appeal using the attached form and return at Mass or by mail. Your gift can also be made online at [www.CatholicIdaho.org](http://www.CatholicIdaho.org).

May God bless you and guide you in your decision to support the work of the Catholic Church of Idaho.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen, D.D.  
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