

## RESURRECTION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

February 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you do to support Resurrection Parish by generously giving of your time, talent, and treasure!

I am writing to you today to request your participation in the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA). (If you have already received a letter from Bishop Garcia in mid-January, this is the same appeal). Each year the Bishop asks each parish in the Diocese to help support the mission of Jesus Christ throughout the whole Diocese of Monterey. This year the theme is "life to our Faith, love to our Family, light to our Future." Please take a moment to review the enclosed brochure. As you prayerfully consider supporting this appeal some questions to think about are: "How will it benefit the poor and suffering?" "How will it benefit my parish?" and "How will it benefit me?" "How can we be life to our Faith, love to our Family and light to our Future?" How does this show that we are one Church?

Last year our AMA Diocesan Goal was \$39,500.00 and, thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our parish goal of \$79,500 and raised \$81,779.00. Resurrection received a rebate for the difference in the amount of \$42,161.00. The funds from our rebate were used to sustain and grow our Faith Formation and Senior Resource Ministries.

This year our AMA Diocesan Parish Goal is \$42,000.00 but we hope to raise \$82,000.00. The funds from our rebate this year will go towards the same goal as last year – to continue to provide vital and needed services for our youth and our seniors. Here's an update on these programs. Deborah and Hal Rovick continue to serve our children, youth and young adults in our community along with dedicated catechists and core team members. Right now we have 71 children enrolled in K-5 Faith Formation classes, 20 enrolled in Middle School, 43 enrolled in High School (which includes 31 in Confirmation 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year). We are blessed to have an active group of young people who want to be here! We also welcome Erma Coty, our new Senior Resource Coordinator! She will continue to grow our Senior Resource Ministries, which our former coordinator began, and offer new opportunities for our senior population. We continue to need your help to sustain and grow these essential ministries and to share our life, love and light with our young members of our Church and our growing senior population.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the appeal last year. Our records show that 237 households participated in the AMA last year which represents 20% of our registered households, and an increase from the prior year. We are encouraging even more households to participate this year.

Please prayerfully consider giving at least \$440.00 to this appeal. Over a period of **eight** months, this is just \$55.00 per month or \$13.75 per week. We know that not everyone can give this amount; however, we are asking **everyone to participate and donate any amount that you can give**. Every little bit helps and is appreciated. Enclosed you will find a pledge envelope and a prayer card which you can return to the parish office by mail, in person, or place it in the Sunday collection basket. The prayer cards will be returned to Bishop Garcia so he can include your special intentions as part of his daily prayers. Please note your pledge can be paid in monthly payments and you can donate via check, electronically through your checking account, or credit card. You can also go directly to the Diocesan website ([www.dioceseofmonterey.org](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org)) and make your pledge there. Please specify Resurrection Church which will ensure that we receive credit for your donation.

As a special gift the first 150 households who make a pledge will receive a free Diocese of Monterey History Book "*Grace Upon Grace*."

Blessings,

  
Fr. Romeo Evangelista  
Pastor

## Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

### **WHAT IS THE ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

The Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) is a yearly campaign of the Diocese of Monterey on behalf of Bishop Garcia. It raises funds to support the ministries that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of all parishes and the people of the local communities. The AMA also gives parishes the opportunity to raise significant funds by earning 100% of the proceeds of all gift donations received in excess of their own individual parish goal.

### **WHY SHOULD I FEEL A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL?**

As Catholics, we profess the belief that we are part of one church. This belief extends beyond our parish faith community to include both the diocesan church and the universal church. Diocesan ministries and services reach beyond the scope of any individual parish. When you give to the AMA, you help serve the needy and the hungry. You help a catechist, a Director of Religious Education, and a lay leader grow in their ministry. You help bring the word of God and the Sacraments to the families in the migrant camps. You help a seminarian, a deacon and a priest in their formational studies.

### **HOW DOES THE ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL BENEFIT MY PARISH AND ME?**

When you participate in the Annual Ministry Appeal, you help fund the important ministries of the diocese and your parish. You also help your parish to move closer to realizing its vision and mission with 100% of the proceeds raised over the diocesan goal that are returned to your parish.

### **HOW DO I MAKE MY GIFT TO THE ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL?**

Every registered parishioner will receive a letter in the mail from Fr. Romeo (it is also on the back of reverse side of this page) and be asked to prayerfully complete and return a pledge envelope. If you participated in the campaign last year, you should have received a letter from Bishop Garcia last month. Or, you may hear about the AMA sitting in the pew at Mass. Simply respond to one of the letters, complete the gift envelope, or make your gift online. All envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or you can mail your gift directly to the diocese. **For Online giving:**

**[www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving)**

### **HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

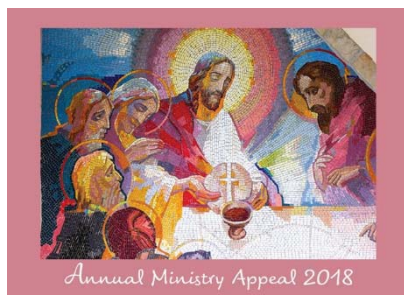
Your Annual Ministry Appeal gift is part of your Christian stewardship of treasure. All families are asked to consider a sacrificial gift to the appeal. First consider the many ways God has blessed you and your loved ones, then make a generous pledge that says how grateful you are for God's gifts.

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:40

### **WHAT PAYMENT METHODS CAN I USE TO MAKE MY PLEDGE?**

Pledges are paid by monthly installments over an eight-month period by automatic payments through credit card, direct debit from your checking or savings account or by check through monthly statements. Donors choosing automatic payments will have their credit cards or checking accounts charged on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month for eight (8) months. One time payments can be paid by check, credit card, direct debit or online at **[www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving)**



***Your gift brings: Life to our Faith...Love to our Family...Light to our Future***

***We ask for your continued generous support in 2018.***