



RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

April 2021

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you today to give you an update on the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) and to request your participation. Many of you know that the AMA helps Bishop Garcia with the different ministries in the Diocese of Monterey. This year the theme is "Building a Family of Faith". Please take a moment to contemplate your family of faith here at Resurrection and review the enclosed brochure. We at Resurrection, along with all the people of the Diocese, are enriched and blessed by these ministries supported by the AMA that help build our Family of Faith.

The people of this parish have responded generously to past appeals, and I trust the same will happen this year even amidst the pandemic. As of Monday, April 26 we have exceeded our Diocesan goal of \$38,900.00. One hundred nine out of 1184 households have responded, \$42,623.00 has been pledged and we have met 62% of our goal. Your contribution will help us meet our goal of \$68,900.00. (Only \$26,277.00 to go!)

All funds that we receive over the \$38,900.00 will be returned to our parish. The funds from our rebate this year will be used to sustain and grow our ministries.

This year, we acknowledge that your financial situation may have changed during the current crisis and many of you are contributing to our Capital Campaign to remodel Markey Community Center. We want to be sensitive to your current situation but also reassure you that we are doing our best to manage our expenses and to be responsible for what you give to the parish.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the appeal last year. Please prayerfully consider making an **eight-month** pledge or a one-time gift to the 2021 AMA "Building a Family of Faith" for all the blessings you have received. We are asking **everyone to participate and donate any amount that you can give**. Every little bit helps and is appreciated. Your gifts keep our Diocesan and Resurrection family resilient and hopeful! Your gift/pledge can be returned in the enclosed envelope. Your pledge can be paid in one payment or several payments, to a maximum of eight. (If you will be making a monthly pledge, please do so soon so that you will be able to complete your pledge by December 2021 which is the when the pledge drive concludes.) You can donate via check, electronically through your checking account, or credit card. You can also go directly to the Diocesan website (<https://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving>) to learn more and to give. Please specify Resurrection Church which will ensure that we receive credit for your donation.

Thank you for all you do to support Resurrection Parish by generously giving of your time, talent, and treasure. We are very grateful for all you have given to the parish during the pandemic when so much of our lives have been uncertain. Please know of my prayers for you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Romeo Evangelista, Pastor