



RESURRECTION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

March 29, 2019

Dear Friends:

I'm writing to you today to give you an update on the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA). Many of you know that the AMA helps Bishop Garcia with the different ministries in the Diocese of Monterey. This year the theme is "Bridges of Hope – Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Please take a moment to 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.

The people of this parish have responded generously to past appeals, and I trust the same will happen this year. As of Monday, March 25 ninety-three out of 1178 households have responded, \$38,741.00 has been pledged and we have met almost 50% of our goal. Your contribution will help us to meet our goal of \$78,000.00. This goal is less than last year!

We are \$3,259.00 away from reaching our Diocesan goal of \$42,000.00. Once we have reached this any funds raised over this amount will be returned to our parish. The funds from our rebate this year will go towards the implementation of our Blessings and Dreams Parish Pastoral Plan that was presented a few months ago. (If you haven't read it yet, you can pick up a copy in the church entrance, the parish office, or on our parish website.) The Plan names the many, many blessings of our parish, which we want to continue to provide, and several new dreams that we feel called by the Holy Spirit to pursue. We're counting on your AMA gift this year to help make these dreams come true!

We want to be sensitive to the fact that we will be launching our Markey Community Center Capital Campaign next month and will have to ask for your support for that as well. It's a narrow financial tightrope that we have to walk. On one hand, we have to keep our ministries going and growing, and on the other, we have to do the Markey Center remodel that we have put off for too long. Please know that we are doing our best to manage our expenses and to be responsible with what you give to the parish. To make it a little easier for you to support both the AMA and the Markey Center project, you can make an eight-month pledge to the AMA and a five-year pledge to the Markey project.

Once again I am asking that you consider pledging what you can to assist the ministries of the diocese and the parish with either a one-time gift or an eight-month pledge. Please prayerfully consider giving from your heart for all the blessings you have received by donating \$440.00 to this appeal. Over a period of **eight** months, this is just \$55.00 per month or \$13.75 per week. I realize that some of you will be able to meet or exceed this household goal, while others cannot. **I would really like to encourage everyone to give something.** Any gift received will be most appreciated. Enclosed you will find a pledge envelope which you can return to the parish office by mail, in person, or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Please note your pledge can be paid in monthly payments and you can donate via check, electronic fund transfer or credit card. You can also go directly to the Diocesan website (www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving) and make your pledge or one time gift there. You can specify Resurrection Church which will ensure that we receive credit for your donation. If you will be making a monthly pledge please do so no later than April 30 so that you will be able to complete your pledge by the conclusion of the pledge drive (8 months). Thank you for all you do to support Resurrection Parish by generously giving of your time, talent, and treasure.

Blessings,

Fr. Romeo Eyangelista, Pastor