

RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

February 14, 2019

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 Danny in mid-February, 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 "Bridges of Hope." 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 "Bridges of Hope" for others to cross into a better future?" How does this show that we are one Church?

Last year our AMA Diocesan Goal was \$42,000.00 and, thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our parish goal of \$82,000 and raised \$87,115.00. Resurrection received a rebate for the difference in the amount of \$45,115.00. The funds from our rebate were used to sustain and grow our Faith Formation and Senior Resource Ministries.

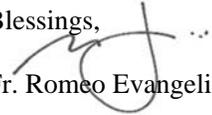
This year our AMA Diocesan Goal is once again \$42,000.00, but we hope to raise \$78,000.00. The funds from our rebate this year will go towards the implementation of our Blessings and Dreams Parish Pastoral Plan that was presented a few months ago. (If you haven't read it yet, you can pick up a copy 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!

As you may have noticed, our parish goal of \$78,000 is less than last year. We are able to do this because we have not filled the part-time Pastoral Assistant position (held by Kary Bagnall for many years) and our already hard-working staff are all pitching in to do a little more work. 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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the appeal last year. Our records show that 189 households participated in the AMA last year which represents 16% of our registered households. We are encouraging 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 with an attached 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 Danny so he can include your special intentions as part of his daily prayers. Please note your pledge can be paid in one payment or several payments, to a maximum of eight. 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>) and make your pledge there. Please specify Resurrection Church which will ensure that we receive credit for your donation.

Blessings,


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