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Dear Friends:

I pray that you and your loved ones have been well during this stressful time. This last year has been one filled with much change and uncertainty but together as a family of faith I know and trust in God that through this we have strengthened our faith and are more grateful for things that we may have taken for granted pre-pandemic. I want to thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of the parish and of each other.

I am writing to you today to request your participation in the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) 2021. While it is true that we just completed AMA 2020 because of the pandemic shutdown, we are getting back on track this year. During this time, I encourage you to contemplate your family of faith: the people you count on in the pew next to you, or the other students in your child's faith formation classes. Maybe it is the people who assist faithfully during mass or even parishioners you have not met yet. Resurrection is your home, which makes us family.

In addition to your Resurrection family, you are connected to a huge network of fellow Catholics, joined together in faith and purpose. This year, all of us within the Diocese of Monterey are called to serve a more important purpose than ever: rebuilding our communities. By giving to the AMA, you support:

- Food and supply deliveries to migrant workers and other vulnerable people
- Mental health support for isolated and anxious teens
- Faith formation for Catholics for all ages, promoting vibrant spiritual lives and thriving churches
- Development for seminarians to build our faith families for tomorrow

Last year our AMA Diocesan Goal was \$41,000.00 and, thanks to your generosity, we raised \$44,824.00. Resurrection received a rebate for the difference in the amount of \$3,824.00. What is significant about this is that we were able to accomplish this during the shutdown due to your continued generosity and faith in your parish family! The funds are being used to sustain and grow our ministries. This year our Diocesan goal is \$38,900.00 and anything raised over this goal will be returned to our parish to help sustain and continue to grow our ministries. Our total goal this year is \$68,900.00. A gift to the AMA builds both of your faith families at the same time!

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". 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! Please take some time to read the information enclosed. 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. 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.

Blessings,

Fr. Romeo Evangelista, Pastor