



May 2023

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you today to give you an update on the Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) and to request your participation. Many of you know that the AMA helps support the different ministries in the Diocese of Monterey. Though we may be in different parishes, we are one Church, the Body of Christ. Please take some time to contemplate how you can be Eucharist others. 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 up our faith communities.

The people of this parish have responded generously to past appeals, and I trust the same will happen this year even amidst the changing times that we are living in. As of April 24, we have not reached our Diocesan goal of \$47,125.00. Ninety-seven out of 1226 households have responded, \$39,430.00 has been pledged and we have met 46% of our goal. Your contribution will help us meet our goal of \$85,000.00.

All funds that we receive over the \$47,125.00 will be returned to our parish. The funds from our rebate this year will be used to help support our parish & ministries, to replace the roof at the rectory (where Fr. Romeo lives) and to help with ongoing maintenance costs. The cost to replace the roof is \$21,500.00. A gift to the AMA builds up both your parish and the diocesan Church. Last year your gifts allowed us to repaint the church and to replace the church windows.

We know that your financial situation may have changed during the pandemic 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 want to 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 2023 AMA "We Are The Body of Christ" 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 2023 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 or scan the QR Code below. 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 your continued generosity over the three years of the pandemic because we know how uncertain everything has been. Please know of my prayers for you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Romeo Evangelista, Pastor

