



March 2024

Dear Friends:

I pray that you and your loved ones are well. I want to thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of the parish and of each other. (You may have already received a letter from our Bishop Daniel Garcia regarding the Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA). I am following up on his request.)

I hope that you will support the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) 2024. In addition to your Resurrection family, you are connected to a huge community of fellow Catholics, joined together in faith and purpose. Jesus calls us to put our faith into action. I see your faith in action here at the parish level by your participation in our many ministries: serving during mass, helping with our various outreach to the unhoused and so much more. During this time, I encourage you to think about how you can prayerfully support the AMA by thinking about the following questions: How can I show my love in a concrete way? How will this benefit the poor and suffering? How will it benefit my family of faith, Resurrection? How is my support of the Diocesan ministries an expression of my membership in the Church?

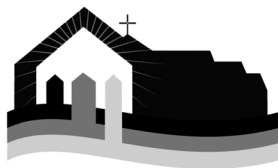
Please take some time to read the enclosed brochure about all the ministries that are supported with this appeal. All the funds given to the AMA are restricted for these ministries.

Last year our AMA Diocesan Goal was \$47,125.00 and our parish goal was \$85,000.00. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$98,706.00. Thank you for helping us exceed our goal! Resurrection received a rebate for the difference in the amount of \$51,581.00. These funds were used to replace the roof at the rectory (where the pastor lives), to help with other ongoing maintenance costs, and to help support our parish and ministries.

This year our Diocesan goal is \$44,800.00 which is 4% of the total goal for the Diocese of \$1.2 million. Each of the 46 parishes in the Diocese is responsible for raising a percentage. Anything we raise over this goal will be returned to our parish to paint the exterior of the rectory, replace the flooring inside the rectory, to help support our parish and ministries, and to help with ongoing maintenance costs. Our total goal this year is the same as last year, \$85,000.00.

We know that your financial situation may have changed. We want to be sensitive to your own financial needs but also reassure you that we are doing our best to manage expenses and to be responsible with what you give to the parish. We are stretching your dollars as far as we can, but the rising costs that we are all experiencing at home we are also experiencing here at the church.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AMA last year. Please prayerfully consider making an **eight-month** pledge or a one-time gift to the 2024 AMA "Called to Bear Fruit with Jesus as Our Cornerstone". We



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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. 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