



April 2026

Dear Friends:

I hope this letter finds you well and growing in Christ during this holy season of Easter! As we embark on another year of service and stewardship, I am reaching out to share the inspiring vision of Bishop Ramón Bejarano's Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) for the Diocese of Monterey. (You may have already received a letter from Bishop Ramón regarding the AMA. I am following up on his request.)

Resurrection and the other parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Monterey form what is called "the local Church," meaning that we function together as the visible Church of Jesus Christ. We are not separate churches, but one Church, and together we carry out the mission that Jesus has given us.

The AMA not only reflects our commitment to fostering spiritual growth and community outreach but also empowers us to support vital programs and services that touch the lives of many within our diocese. Your generous participation in this appeal is crucial, as it enables us to continue our mission of compassion, education, and faith formation, ensuring that we can reach those in need and strengthen our collective witness to the Gospel.

I hope that you will support the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal 2026. We are called as disciples of Christ to share the light of His love and hope with others. How can we be messengers of hope for one another and for those who we serve both here at the parish and our larger community in the Church of Monterey? 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 hope in the future of the Church 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 \$40,800.00 and our total goal was \$85,000.00. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$94,972.00. Thank you for helping us exceed our goal! Resurrection received a rebate for the difference in the amount of \$54,172.00. These funds along with those raised in 2024 will be used to upgrade the lighting system in the church and replace the flooring at the rectory. We haven't completed these projects yet since our focus has been on getting the hall renovation and repair finished.

This year the Bishop is asking us to raise \$37,750.00 of the total \$1.2 million Diocesan goal. Anything we raise over this goal will be returned to our parish to help with some unforeseen needs of the Markey Community Center project (including essential drainage improvements between the hall and the cemetery) and the ongoing support of our parish ministries and operating expenses. Our total goal this year is \$100,000.00:

\$37,750 for Diocesan ministries, \$28,250 for the Markey Center project, and \$34,000 for our regular parish needs.

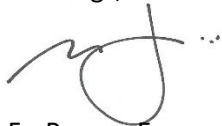
With the rising costs that we are all experiencing right now at home and at the church we know that your financial situation may have changed. We want to be sensitive to your own financial needs but also reassure you that we continue to stretch your dollars as far as we can and do our best to manage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

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 2026 AMA "Walking in the Light as Messengers of Hope". 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. 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/annual-ministry-appeal>)** to learn more and to give. Please specify Resurrection Church which will ensure that we receive credit for your donation.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Evangelista', with a flourish at the end.

Fr. Romeo Evangelista  
Pastor