

**UNITED IN MINISTRY**

United in Ministry (UIM) is the annual diocesan appeal. UIM supports seminarian education, subsidizes the priest retirement fund, and augments the operational budget of the diocese. It funds diocesan level initiatives and needs identified by the Bishop.

Parish goals for UIM for calendar year 2021 are based upon their pro rata share of total diocesan aggregated UIM collections and taxable income from January 2018 through September 2020. Parish goals for subsequent years will be based on their pro rata share of total diocesan aggregate UIM collections and taxable income for the preceding three (3) fiscal years.

The individual parish UIM collections and taxable income is divided by the total diocesan UIM collections and taxable income. This percentage is multiplied by the total UIM Diocese Goal, and rounded to the nearest \$500, to yield the individual parish UIM Goal.

The parish goal is an obligatory assessment. Shortfalls will be billed to the parish.

The diocesan UIM Goal is set by the Bishop after consultation with Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Finance Council.

The UIM campaign also serves as a way for the parish to raise funds for major expenditures. Collections received in excess of an individual parish's goal will be rebated back to the parish. Beginning with the calendar year 2021 campaign, these rebates will be taxable income and will be rebated net of applicable taxes.