



Bishop's Ministry Appeal

FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS: *The Pulpit Announcement should be at the end of a Homily announcement, not an end of Mass announcement. Pastors should make the announcements for the first four weeks.*

February 1-2, 2020

Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing more about the Bishop's Ministry Appeal and how the ministries of the Diocese serve all of us in the parishes. The theme of the BMA this year is **"FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!"** Let me give you an example of how our parish is served by the Diocesan ministries. *[Insert an example that is specific or important to your parish or from the ministries highlighted in the BMA Bulletins.]*

February 8-9, 2020

Summary: Bishop's Ministry Appeal Weekend is next week. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal. This year, our parish goal is *[insert parish goal]*. Part of that goal will help the Diocese to continue to provide the valuable programs and services from which we all benefit. However, *[\$ insert your parish project GOAL]* will be used right here at our parish for *[insert PARISH PROJECT]*. Please consider being as generous as you can and bring your pledge of support with you to Mass next weekend. Those of you who gave last year will receive a letter from **Bishop Cotta** introducing the Appeal. Participation by everyone is important. We hope that all of you will be able to give something this year. **(see Pastor & Chairperson Talking Points)**

February 15-16, 2020

Today is the beginning of the Bishop's Ministry Appeal. The theme this year is **"FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!"** Today is the day that I ask you to support the ministries and services of the Diocese and our parish *[insert PARISH PROJECT info, if applicable]*. You have an opportunity to share the gifts God has given you with your Church and to help us to meet our goal of *[insert parish goal]*. Please be as generous as you can. If every family participates this year, we will reach and possibly exceed our goal. 100% of the money we collect over our goal comes back to our parish. **(Chairperson gives talk.) Be sure to mention that checks should be made payable to the [BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST](#).**

February 22-23, 2020

You have heard from *[insert Chairperson's name]* last week about the Bishop's Ministry Appeal. I ask that you look at the **BMA Bulletins** and **Pledge Envelopes** in the pews and prayerfully consider pledging a gift to help support the ministries of the Diocese and our parish. **(Pastor gives talk.) Be sure to mention that checks should be made payable to the [BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST](#).**

February 29 – March 1, 2020

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a portion to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. The BMA helps to fund the programs and services of the Diocese. Our parish benefits from these programs in many ways. *[Insert an example that is specific to your parish – see 2/8-9 above.]* This year, we are also hoping to fund our own project, *[insert PARISH PROJECT, if applicable]*. If you have yet to make your pledge to our parish's annual support of the ministries, please consider doing so today. **Pledge envelopes and BMA bulletins can be found in the pews or stop by our Tables after Mass.** Thank you for your prayerful consideration. **Be sure to mention that checks should be made payable to the [BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST](#).**

March 7-8, 2020

I would like to formally thank all those who have pledged their support to the parish and our local Church. To date, _____ families have made pledges and gifts of over \$_____. We are _____% of the way to reaching our goal of _____. We are doing great; however, we need everyone's participation to be successful. Please keep in mind that there are many Diocesan ministries that serve our parishioners. This is our once a year opportunity to show the Diocese our support. Pledge envelopes and BMA bulletins can be found in the vestibule area of the church.

March 14-15, 2020

If you missed your opportunity to support the Bishop's Ministry Appeal, it is not too late. All of us share in the responsibility of sharing with others a portion of God's Blessing. Please make your pledge to the BMA today. Pledge envelopes and BMA bulletins can be found in the vestibule area of the church