

# ADA 2021

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Many of us, I know it is true for me, would never have dreamed that a “new normal” would come crashing down upon us in the early months of 2020. **A new word, *Covid-19* dominates the day-to-day life of nearly every person who walks upon the earth. Together, as the human family, we were ushered into a global pandemic,** and parish-life was not exempt for coming up with new ways to continue our mission of saving souls.

Your generosity in last year’s ADA campaign made possible an indispensable partnership between the Diocese of San Jose and our parish. The assistance we received centered on establishing best practices, communication efforts, purchasing of sanitation supplies, and support in adhering to health and safety protocols.

**“*Journeying Together in Hope*”— is this year’s theme for the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), which provides the financial support for many of the vital ministries and services for all Catholics in Santa Clara County.** This year I am asking you, and every parish family, to consider making a 10-month pledge or a one-time gift in support of the ADA. **Last year, 495 of our parish families donated \$240,545 (an average gift of \$486) and joined over 17,000 families in the other 53 parishes to raise \$8.2 M— of which \$1.4 M was returned to parishes for their own specific needs.**

Your generosity toward the **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal** will provide essential support for programs like Catechesis and Faith Formation, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Liturgy; the formation of our future priests and deacons, the Hispanic Apostolate, Ministries for Cultural Diversity, the Institute for Leadership in Ministry, and Ongoing Formation of the Clergy.

**The overall diocesan goal for 2021 is \$5.8 M. Our parish goal remains at \$220,000. Our challenge is not only reaching our goal but also increasing the number of parish families and households who participate in the ADA. Based on the number of registered parish families (2,983), only 18% made a pledge to the ADA in 2020. I would like us to increase our participation rate—no pledge or gift is insignificant. The Church is the home for every one of us. “*Journeying Together in Hope*”— let us do our fair share in support of God’s household.**

Remember that all pledges paid over our goal will reduce our parish debt (**\$1.88 M**). I am so appreciative that you share with me a heartfelt belief in the work and ministry made possible by your gift. Pledge Sunday is the last week of January. Please pray and discern your 2021 gift and bring your ADA envelope to Mass, place it in the mail, or visit our parish homepage for convenient online giving.