



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

St. Joseph Church
Fr. Henry Wertin
230 North 3rd St.
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May 4, 2021

Dear Father Henry and parishioners of St Joseph parish,

I am writing to express my congratulations and sincerest gratitude for meeting your 2020 Diocesan Ministry Fund campaign goal of \$165,351. I also commend your efforts in substantially reducing your parish mortgage over these past two years, and your active generosity as a partner to the greater Grand Junction community. As a parish you are a wonderful witness to the spirit of Christian stewardship, the greatest and most personal response to the Gospel.

The diocese relies on and sincerely appreciates your support to complete its work in all its diverse and far flung missions. Please know of our appreciation for the sacrifice and generosity of your families in helping us make this happen in the poorest areas of smallest resources. As agreed, to this end we are happy to recognize your contribution and forgive 10% of your previously accrued DMF goal.

I see so much good coming forth from St. Joseph parish. I know that in the year ahead the diocese will continue to be inspired by your efforts to find and form missionary disciples of Jesus. I look forward to hearing ever more good things about you, your parish, and your collaboration with your brothers and sisters in the Grand Junction deanery.

May you, your families and all your concerns be blessed by the grace of God in gratitude for your faithfulness. You are in my prayers, and I continue to humbly rely on yours.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev. Stephen Berg
Bishop of Pueblo