

## **DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS DRIVE**

This year our parish's "Assessment" (called Project Faith") for running the Diocese of Paterson is \$73,801.00. The remainder of what is not collected from pledges comes from the ordinary income / collections of the parish. Pledge cards and return envelopes for this year's Assessments Drive were mailed.

## **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

(This is not an assessment - a bill - but a "goal" for each parish).

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is getting a face lift. (Or more like a "name lift"!) The name of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been changed and will now be known as the *Diocesan Ministries Appeal*. So if you get a letter from Bishop Sweeney asking you to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal - please know that this is the new name of the Annual Appeal. While the name has changed, the work of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will continue to focus on the important ministries that it always has and will continue to serve thousands of people throughout our Diocese. The theme of this year's Appeal is "Love Thy Neighbor". It is a vivid reminder, especially as we all face the COVID pandemic together, that what we do for our neighbors in need, we do for Christ himself. Please support this important cause that helps so many of our brothers and sisters in our Diocese.

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence; urban elementary schools; and, seminarian education. These are all important ministries that touch many lives, and your participation makes this assistance possible. You can give with confidence, knowing that funds from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used solely for the causes described in the campaign materials. They are used for no other purposes. For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org) and follow the user-friendly instructions.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors/Administrators

FROM: Tim Potter

DATE: September 18, 2020

RE: 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)

Bishop Sweeney recorded a brief video for the 2020 DMA asking parishioners to support this important Appeal. The Bishop's video is [here](#).

I ask you to please put this video on your parish website, Flocknotes, Facebook and/or other tools you use to communicate with your parishioners.

Thank you so much for your leadership efforts. They are needed now more than ever.

Take care and stay well.