



2020 DDF Annual Appeal Update Message

Greetings, dear Friends,

Bishop Rojas and I offer our prayers and blessings to you.

Our local Church, like the rest of society, continues to deal with the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

It remains a time of challenge and trial for us. Let us continue to support each other in prayer and trust in God, who walks with us in our most difficult moments.

We thank you for your prayers and your patience during this pandemic as we have had to embrace new ways to worship together and to carry on in ministry.

It is a great gift for us to partake again in the Eucharist at Mass. We are called to do so in a way that protects the health and safety of all our brothers and sisters.

Even with the limitation in place it has been a great blessing for Bishop Rojas, Bishop del Riego and me to be out to celebrate the Eucharist in our diocese.

While it is true that coronavirus has changed how we live, it has not changed our faith. And it has not changed our commitment to ministry.

One of the most important tools that we have to carry out our ministries is the Diocesan Development Fund.

It is through the generous contributions of you, the Catholic faithful, to the DDF that we are able to:

- Serve the poor
- Care for our priests and seminarians
- Strengthen parishes
- And serve families

Although we are all living through a unique and challenging time, these needs remain and have even increased.

The Catholic faithful have always found a way, even in the darkest days, to come to the aide of those in need and to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their support of ministries.

As we return to Church and look for ways to reconnect with parish life, please consider making a contribution to the DDF in whatever way that you are able.



This year's DDF Campaign was interrupted in its early months by COVID-19, yet the needs in ministry remain great.

We take this moment to relaunch the Campaign.

If you have already made a DDF pledge or contribution this year we offer our deepest gratitude. Thank you for being such a great model of Catholic stewardship.

I understand that many have been hurt financially by this pandemic. I pray every day that God sustain us in strength and hope that we will receive what we need.

In times like these our Lord gives us the trust to give from our own limited resources.

If we all work together, and place our trust in our Lord with God's grace, we can take care of our families and still provide resources for the ministries that support the mission of our Mother Church.

Bishop Rojas and I thank you for your prayers, your generous hearts and all your support for the ministries of the Diocese.

Let us keep our eyes on the horizon and where God calls us as we continue to build His Kingdom here in our communities.

Always forward, Siempre Adelante

May God bless you.