

## PRAISE the Lord who HEALS, giving HOPE to ALL.

Dear Parish Pastors, Associate Pastors, Business Managers, Bookkeepers and Administrative Staff,

We are quickly nearing the official kick-off of the 2024 Diocesan Ministry Appeal. The Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal, known as the DMA, has become the lifeblood for much of what our diocesan Church has accomplished in the past, and hopes to undertake in the future. This Appeal, through the generosity of every Catholic in the diocese, enables us to support ministries that provide services beyond the scope of any individual parish. The DMA provides invaluable support for vital ministries; seminarian and deaconate formation, religious education for all ages, youth and children's ministries, and support for those in need.

The theme of this year's appeal is, <u>PRAISE the Lord who HEALS</u>, giving HOPE to ALL. To summarize the great words of Bishop Golka, it is through the Lord's wisdom and love that He works through each of us to help heal those who are wounded and weary while restoring hope and spirit. Your great work in your parishes and through our ministries is impacting the lives of numerous people right here in our Diocese – Thank you! Together we can bring hope and healing for all who want to KNOW, SERVE, & LOVE GOD. Our goal for the 2024 appeal is \$2.8 million dollars.

We have been blessed every year to receive a successful response to our past appeals. I say "we" because it takes all of us working together to make it a success. Most notable in this process are our pastors and parish leadership. Your leadership in our appeal <u>every year</u> serves as an inspiration to so many, and I can confidently say that you and your commitment to serve the parish are the reasons people continue to contribute generously.

I am pleased to offer assistance at any time, as is my team in the Office of Stewardship and Development, so do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. And thank you for supporting the Diocesan Ministry Appeal.

Most Sincerely,

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