



Bishop's Ministry Appeal As One, Building Our Future Together



The 2017 Bishop's Ministry Appeal

Your gift helps put our faith into action. Our ultimate goal is 100% participation!

By making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Ministry Appeal, you join hands with thousands whose generosity brings the love of Christ to so many in our diocese. Your gift directly supports diocesan ministries serving our parishes.

We are blessed to be given so much here in the Diocese of Stockton. But there is always more we can do. There are so many hearts, minds and souls we can touch with God's love.



Here's how you can help support your Diocese and Parish



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST

GIVE ON-LINE:
stocktondiocese.org/BMA

WHAT IS THE BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL?

The Bishop's Ministry Appeal, also known as the BMA, is an annual campaign to raise funds that support the programs and ministries that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of the Diocese of Stockton.

IS IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE TO THE BMA EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY GIVE TO MY PARISH?

The programs of local parishes are important because much of the work of the Church and the Diocese takes place at the local level. However, there are certain specialized services for which the Diocese has to take responsibility. These are services no one single parish can provide.

HOW DO I MAKE MY PLEDGE?

Make your online gift today at stocktondiocese.org/BMA. You may receive a letter and a response form in the mail or you may complete a pledge envelope which will become available at Mass on Appeal Weekend. Just fill out the response form or envelope and place it in the collection basket during the Offertory of the Mass on that weekend or mail it directly to the Diocese. **Make checks payable to the BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST.**

WHY ARE PLEDGES ENCOURAGED INSTEAD OF ONE-TIME DONATIONS?

Pledges provide parishioners with the opportunity to consider larger sacrificial commitments to support the mission of the Church by spreading their donations over an 8-month period.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PLEDGE?

Your pledge is part of your Christian stewardship of treasure. Consider the many ways God has blessed you and your loved ones. Your gift should have some sacrificial relationship to your standard of living and God's generosity to you and your family. Suggested Giving Plans have been prepared for your consideration. No pledge is too small or too large.

WHAT PAYMENT METHODS CAN I USE TO MAKE MY PLEDGE?

Pledges or one-time gifts can be made by credit card or direct debit (direct charge) from your checking account. Electronic Funds Transfers will occur on or about the 20th of the month. You may also give by check, online at the diocesan website or mail your pledge form to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust office.



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The Bishop's Ministry Appeal is a 501(c)3 nonprofit trust. The Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust has been created with its own bank account for the sole benefit of the ministries, separate and apart from the assets of the Diocese, for the receipt and administration of these funds.