

What Your Parish Asks of You

To the extent that you are able, the Cathedral parish is asking each family to support the BMA with a donation—whether a one-time gift or pledge paid over eight months—of at least \$350.00.

You May Be a Winner!

Identified donors giving or pledging more than \$350.00 before February 28, 2022 will be entered in a raffle for a dinner for up to six persons with Bishop Myron Cotta.

In 2021, only 198 Cathedral donors made one-time gifts or pledges to the BMA. This year, we are looking for at least 300 donors. And if we meet this mini-goal by the end of the BMA year in December, all identified donors making a one-time gift or pledge of any amount will be entered in a raffle to win an afternoon for up to six persons at Noble Flower Farms, tasting hors d'oeuvres and local wines with, of course, flowers.

Speaking of raffles, if the Cathedral of the Annunciation makes its goal of \$102,989 by the end of the year, all identified donors making a one-time gift or pledge of any amount will be entered in a raffle to win a guided fishing trip on Lake Tahoe.

What happens if . . .

. . . the Cathedral raises more than its goal?

If the parish surpasses its BMA goal of \$102,989, the Cathedral gets to keep 100% of the excess money raised. This would certainly be a great benefit to the parish because it will be used to replace the 61-year-old air conditioning system in the Parish Center that ceased working last summer.

. . . the Cathedral does not meet its 2022 BMA goal?

Parishes that do not meet their BMA goals will be required to pay the amount not raised in one-time gifts

We are all in this Appeal together.

Let us come together to make our goal (and some extra) to support the Bishop's ministries that assist us in our parish. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

HOW DO I GIVE TO THE BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL (BMA)?

WAYS TO GIVE

Your tax-deductible gift to the 2022 Bishop's Ministry Appeal will make a difference. Your gift will be applied to your parish's goal. Once your parish reaches its goal, 100% of all funds over the parish goal are returned to the parish from the Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust.

GIFTS BY CHECK

Checks should be made payable to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust. Please mail your check in the pledge response envelope. Please make sure your parish name is written on the memo section of your check.

GIFTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Gifts can be made using your bank account, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card. Simply provide your credit card details or bank details on your pledge envelope or online.

ONLINE GIFTS

Gifts can be made on our safe, secure and convenient site at: StocktonDiocese.org/BMA

THANK YOU

Your gift and pledge commitments are greatly appreciated and should be completed by December 31, 2022.



BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL
60 YEARS: REJOICING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD

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**Supporting the Ministries of the
Diocese of Stockton**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Though these days continue to be challenging, we can still “rejoice and give glory to God” and be thankful for God’s grace. In 2022, we, as the Diocese of Stockton, will celebrate our 60th anniversary.

We are truly grateful to those who came before us and laid the foundation. As we rejoice in the remem-

brances and festivities throughout our diocese, we thank and honor the bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, and laity who have been wonderful stewards during these past 60 years.

As we rejoice and give Glory to God, our Diocese continues to serve our parish and school communities throughout our region. From providing virtual and COVID-safe in-person religious formation classes, expanding our team of catechists, assisting our schools, and coordinating program trainings and live-streamed Masses, we remain committed in providing specialized services and programs to strengthen the ministries of our entire diocese. I am humbled and thankful for the generosity and sacrifice of our faithful community, especially during these challenging times. Our mission to evangelize and serve continues as we celebrate our 60th anniversary and look forward to a promising future of serving our faithful.

The collective participation of all our parishioners is vital to the success of the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal. The support of God’s people is needed to ensure that these critical ministries continue to serve our parish communities throughout our great Diocese of Stockton.

**I invite you to support the
2022 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal with a gift today!**

As we pray for a grace-filled and hopeful future, let us rejoice together as good stewards of the many gifts entrusted to us. As we acknowledge “60 years: Rejoicing and Giving Glory to God”, I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed New Year!

In the Peace of Christ,

+ Myron J. Cotta

Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton



WHAT IS THE BISHOP’S MINISTRY APPEAL (BMA)?

The BMA is an annual campaign to raise funds that support the programs and ministries serving the people of the Diocese of Stockton.

Your 2022 gift to the BMA will provide needed funds to support the following ministries of the Diocese of Stockton & your parish:

- Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
- Bishop’s Office
- Catholic Schools
- Communications
- Deacon Formation
- Diocesan Councils
- Evangelization & Faith Formation
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Life and Dignity Ministry (Respect Life and Family & Married Life)
- Marriage Tribunal
- Migrant Ministries
- Ministry & Services to Priests
- Religious Education & Training
- Safe Environment
- School of Ministry
- Social Ministries
- University Campus Ministries
- Vocations
- Worship/Spirituality
- Youth/Young Adult Ministries

“...we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.”

Stewardship Prayer, Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**The Cathedral of the Annunciation
needs your support
to meet its 2022 BMA goal of**

\$102,989

Every gift—no matter the amount—helps make this goal. But equally important is the participation of every Cathedral parishioner.

Catholics have the obligation to support the Church not only at the parish level but also at the diocesan level. Last November, we focused on supporting our Cathedral parish during the Enhanced Offertory Campaign. Now we turn our attention to supporting the diocesan Church and her ministries, which ultimately assist our parish too. Did you know that . . .

- The Catholic Schools Office provides leadership and support to ensure Annunciation School remains faith-centered and committed to improving the quality of Catholic education?
- The Cathedral has reaped the blessing of the formation of the four permanent deacons currently assigned to the parish in service for the Liturgy, the Gospel, Justice and Charity?
- The Office of Vocations recruits and oversees the formation of men studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Stockton, including Patrick Germann, who was assigned to our parish last summer?
- The Hispanic Apostolate serves as a resource to our parish and her Christian faithful as well as diocesan and community organizations serving the Hispanic community in our parish?

