



Commonly Asked Questions About the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Preguntas Más Comunes Sobre la Apelación Anual del Obispo

What is the Bishop's Annual Appeal?

Most of the work of the Church takes place at the local level. Yet there are certain specialized services and responsibilities beyond the capability of individual parishes which only the Diocese can carry out. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is the primary means the Diocese has to fund these programs and services.

Through their contributions to the Appeal parishioners participate in the missionary outreach of the Bishop.

What is the average gift and how much should I give?

Last year's average donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal was \$348. Please consider a contribution of 1% or more of your annual income to support this annual campaign. Even small donations add up when everyone participates.

Are Parish goals mandatory?

No, 2023 Appeal parish goals are not mandatory, but all parishes are expected to participate in the Appeal and generate a substantial amount of in-pew pledges. Each parish should strive to achieve 100% of its parish goal.

Is my pledge legally binding?

No. A pledge is a commitment made under a particular set of circumstances. If those circumstances change, you may adjust your pledge payments and/or your balance accordingly.

¿Qué es la Campaña de Apelación Anual del Obispo?

La mayor parte del trabajo de la Iglesia tiene lugar a nivel local. Sin embargo, hay ciertos servicios especializados y responsabilidades que se dejan a la Diócesis y estos son los ministerios y programas que están más allá de la capacidad de las parroquias. La Campaña de la Apelación Anual del Obispo es el vehículo principal que permite a la Diócesis financiar estos programas y servicios.

A través de sus contribuciones a la Campaña, los feligreses participan en el alcance misionero del Obispo.

¿Cuál es el regalo promedio y cuánto debo dar?

La donación promedio del año pasado a la La Campaña de Apelación Anual del Obispo fue de \$348. Por favor considere una contribución de 1% o más de sus ingresos anuales para apoyar esta campaña anual. Incluso las donaciones pequeñas suman cuando todos participan.

¿Son obligatorias las metas parroquiales?

No. Las metas parroquiales del 2023 no son obligatorias, pero se espera que todas las parroquias participen en la Campaña de Apelación y generen una cantidad sustancial de compromisos en las bancas. Todas las parroquias deben esforzarse por lograr el 100% de sus metas parroquiales.

¿Es mi promesa legalmente comprometedora?

No. Una promesa es un compromiso hecho bajo un conjunto particular de circunstancias. Si las circunstancias cambian, por consiguiente puede ajustar los pagos de su promesa y/o el saldo.



Bishop/Obispo Liam Cary

Pastoral Assignments

Bishop Liam Cary announces the following assignments:

Reverend Rene Labrador is assigned as Pastor of St. Peters Church, The Dalles, effective June 28, 2023.

Reverend Steve Garza is assigned as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Klamath Falls, effective June 28, 2023.

Very Reverend Rogatian Urassa is assigned as the Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi, Bend, effective June 28, 2023.

Very Reverend Saji Thomas, CMI, is assigned as Pastor of St. Thomas Church, Redmond, effective June 28, 2023. In addition, Father Saji will continue as the Vicar General of the Diocese of Baker.

Reverend Roy Isac Elavungal, SDB, is assigned as Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Pendleton, effective June 28, 2023.

Reverend Alexandar Poulouse is assigned as Pastor of St. Patrick Church, Heppner and St. William Church, Ione, effective June 28, 2023.

Reverend Thankachan Joseph, SDB, is assigned as Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Wasco, St. Alphonsus Church, Dufur, and St. John the Baptist Church, Grass Valley, effective June 28, 2023.

Very Reverend Todd Unger is retiring from active ministry and will be available to serve as a replacement priest, effective June 27, 2023.

Reverend Kumar Udagandla will return to his Diocese in India after serving the Diocese of Baker more than 10 years, effective June 27, 2023. Thank you, Father Kumar, for your service.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

May 20

5:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters Mass, Hermiston

6:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters Banquet, Hermiston

May 21

9:00 a.m. Mass (English), Hermiston

11:00 a.m. Mass (Spanish), Hermiston

1:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Hermiston

June 4

11:30 a.m. St. James, Bly

Confirmation Schedules:

May 24 - 7:00 p.m. St. Edward, Sisters

June 3 - 5:30 p.m. St. Augustine, Merrill & Bonanza

June 4 - 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chiloquin



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God
the Diocese of Baker in Oregon
together with the family of

Caleb Joshua Cunningham

Invite you to his

Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Through the laying on of hands and the
invocation of the Holy Spirit by

The Most Reverend Liam Cary
Bishop of Baker

on

Thursday the Fifteenth of June
in the year of our Lord 2023
at 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales
Baker City, Oregon

Reception to follow

Join us via livestream
for this joyous occasion
at www.dioceseofbaker.org!

The Power of Prayer

Submitted by **Jim Golden**, *Superintendent, Diocese of Baker Catholic Schools*

We currently have 564 students attending our four Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baker. Parents entrust us to help them educate their children through rigorous teaching in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social science. We are also charged to help our children build a strong moral and religious belief system that honors the intentions that God has for each of us. All of our students attend religious education programs that complement the work of our Pastors and Catholic communities.

Prayer is the most powerful tool that we have at our disposal; it helps students learn how to focus and regulate their emotions through mindfulness and reflection. All our Catholic Schools begin the day with

prayer, either in the classroom or as an entire school. Students receive religious education daily and attend Mass at least once a week.

When I work with teachers who are new to teaching in a Catholic School, I always remind them that we have an important tool at our disposal - Prayer. Prayer helps us teach our students how to control their emotions, to focus their minds on their own sacredness and the sacredness of others, and of their unique importance in the eyes of God.

As we move to the last few weeks of this school year, I am so thankful for the hard work of our teachers and educational support staff who dedicate themselves to serving our schools. Their hard work is evident in our test scores and the positive growth they promote in our students and their families.



Questions, *continued*

Is my contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal part of my tithe to the Church?

It certainly is. A good benchmark to consider is a donation of 1% of your annual income to the Appeal.

How is the Bishop's Annual Appeal goal determined?

As we did last year, we are again asking parishes to focus on their participation. The overall goal is based on past Appeal participation and a financial target of \$675,000 for the whole diocese. This amount is determined much like years past: by the total annual Offertory for the prior year, the ministry needs of the diocese, and the success of the prior year Appeal.

Preguntas, *continúa*

¿Es mi contribución a la Apelación Anual del Obispo parte de mi diezmo a la Iglesia?

Sin duda lo es. Un buen punto de referencia a considerar es el 1% de su ingreso anual a la Campaña de Apelación.

¿Cómo se determina la meta de la Apelación Anual del Obispo?

Como hicimos el año pasado, nuevamente les pedimos a las parroquias que se concentren en su participación. La meta general se basa en la participación en la Campaña de Apelación anterior y en un objetivo financiero de \$675,000 para toda la diócesis. Esta cantidad se determina de manera similar a los años anteriores: por el total de la Ofrenda anual del año anterior, las necesidades del ministerio de la diócesis y el éxito de la Campaña de Apelación del año anterior.



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Thank you!
¡Gracias!



INVITATIONS TO PRAY, INSPIRE, LEARN



You are invited to become a Prayer Partner with the National Eucharistic Revival Team. Prayer partners receive inspirational emails and special opportunities to pray and grow spiritually. Visit the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival page for the link to sign up.

You are invited to share your inspirational, holy experiences at Mass, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, monthly Benediction, and in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Diocesan Chronicle invites you to send your inspirational story, in Spanish or English, to Chronicle@DioceseofBaker.org. Please help inspire others.

You are invited to learn more about the Eucharist and our belief in the true presence of Jesus. Visit our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival page, DioceseofBaker.org/eucharistic-revival, for links to a free, online course and to sign up for the "Heart of the Revival" newsletter.



◀ **SCAN HERE**
to visit the *Diocesan Eucharistic Revival* webpage

INVITACIONES A ORAR, INSPIRAR, APRENDER

Usted está invitado a convertirse en un Compañero de Oración con el Equipo Nacional de Avivamiento Eucarístico. Los compañeros de oración reciben correos electrónicos inspiradores y oportunidades especiales para orar y crecer espiritualmente. Visite la página del Avivamiento Eucarístico Diocesano para obtener el enlace para registrarse.

Usted está invitado a compartir sus experiencias sagradas e inspiradoras en la Misa, recibiendo a Jesús en la Eucaristía, la Bendición mensual y la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. La Crónica Diocesana lo invita a enviar su historia inspiradora, en Español o en Inglés, a: Chronicle@DioceseofBaker.org. Por favor ayude a inspirar a otros.

Usted está invitado a aprender más sobre la Eucaristía y nuestra creencia en la verdadera presencia de Jesús. Visite nuestra página: Avivamiento Eucarístico Diocesano, DioceseofBaker.org/eucharistic-revival, para obtener enlaces a un curso en línea gratuito y para suscribirse al boletín "Heart of the Revival".

SUMMER 2023

Steubenville Northwest Youth Conference

July 14-16, 2023 - Spokane, WA

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Current 8th graders to 12th graders are invited to contact their parish pastor or youth minister for more details or to register.

Parish not going?

Contact St. Francis, Bend, or St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, to join their groups.