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ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

February 23, 2026

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioner,

Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Once again, we are invited to support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, which sustains the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This appeal is especially meaningful to me, as it is my final invitation to you as your pastor.

The AAA assessment for our parish in 2026 is \$34,588.

Top Three Reasons to Support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: First, St. Elizabeth Parish has belonged to the Archdiocese since 1912, including 1962, when our church was built. Second, through Word and Sacrament, ministries, and services, the Archdiocese nourishes our parish life. Third, rooted in a 2,000-year tradition, it unites us with the Church in California and the Universal Church.

Past Successful AAA Campaigns at Our Parish: I remain deeply grateful for your extraordinary generosity over the years. In 2021 and 2022, despite pandemic challenges, our parish completed the AAA campaign within two and a half months. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, we reached our goal in just two months. These accomplishments reflect your faith, generosity, and commitment to the Church's mission. I thank you for your collaboration, encouragement, and friendship to me as your pastor.

Starting Date of the AAA 2026 Campaign: We are officially launching the AAA drive with this letter and with announcements at weekend Masses on February 28 – March 1, 2026.

Ways to Donate: You may donate using the enclosed envelope for prompt processing and acknowledgment or contribute securely online at stelizabethsf.org or sfarchdiocese.org/aaa.

1.5% Circle: Could you prayerfully consider donating 1.5% of our parish AAA goal of \$34,588, which is \$500? Many parishioners have given even more generously in past years,

and I hope such generosity continues. I have already submitted my own \$500 gift. If 69 parishioners give at this level, our goal will be reached quickly. 1.5% Circle members, as in previous years, will be invited to a luncheon.

My Retirement: As I prepare to conclude my ministry among you effective July 1, 2026, please know how deeply thankful I am – for your generosity, your faith, and your unwavering support. Serving you has been an honor and a blessing.

God bless you and your families for your joyful and generous support of the mission of the Church.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.
Pastor

Enclosure