

Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): It's that time of year when St. Elizabeth Parish is invited to celebrate our close connection with the Archdiocese of San Francisco through our participation in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA).

The theme of AAA this year is: "God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish" (Psalm 9:18).

The AAA assessment for our parish in 2021 is \$ 40,000.

Top Five Reasons for donating generously to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: 1. St. Elizabeth is an integral and inseparable part of the Archdiocese. 2. It is the Archdiocese that established our parish in 1912, helped erect the current church structure in 1962, and has always nourished it like a mother by providing the services. 3. Through Word and Sacraments, the Archdiocese guides us to accompany us from birth to death---through the milestones of life. 4. The Archdiocese connects us with other ministries within the Archdiocese, with the California Church, the United States Catholic Church, and the Universal Church. 5. Rooted in over a 2000-year-old Catholic tradition and culture, the Archdiocese encourages us to act in creative fidelity to serve the Church and the world for God's greater glory.

Starting Date of the AAA Campaign: We are officially launching the AAA 2021 campaign with this letter and announcements during Masses starting on first Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021. You may also go online to the Archdiocesan website <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa> to donate by choosing our parish. If we can reach our goal of \$40,000 by end of April, that is in the next two and a half months or so, it would be just wonderful. We won't then have to talk about it for the rest of the year.

Please Consider: I'm personally seeking your financial support to help fulfill our annual commitment to the Archdiocese. Would you kindly consider donating to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal at the same level as you did last year or at a higher level? If you have never participated in this important task before, would you consider coming onboard? With everyone's participation, we will be able to accomplish this project within a couple of months.

One Percent Circle: This year I invite you to the "One Percent Circle." Can you give 1% of \$40,000 which is \$400. I have written a check already for my personal donation of \$400 to AAA. Some of you in the past years have been giving way more than one percent to AAA. Please give as much as possible for you to give. I will be inviting the one-percenters, those who give \$400 and above, to a dinner---as a way of joyfully thanking them.

God bless you and your families for your spirit of faith and stewardship!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota

Pastor