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Dear Parishioners

May the bountiful blessings from God above be upon you today!

First of all, I want to thank you for your continuous support particularly for last year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2022. It was a huge success! I do not mind sharing with you how overjoyed I was that for the first time in many years, we exceeded our goal by \$8,655.17 which has been returned to the parish. This is huge for two reasons: first, we no longer have to dip into our emergency fund to make up the shortage in our AAA assessment; second, the campaign ended earlier than expected.

However, we cannot rest on our laurels as our AAA 2023 assessment has been raised to \$103,208. This increase is actually good news as it is the result of our successes. With the generosity of parishioners like you, our Ordinary Income for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 has increased from the prior year, and our AAA assessment is calculated as 20% of the Ordinary Income.

We will repeat some of the things we did last year that helped us succeed, e.g., discontinuing the Second Collection during the AAA campaign period, and inviting our parishioners to be a member of the One Percent (1%) Club. We started the One Percent (1%) Club by simply asking for a donation of one percent (1%) of our goal. Many responded positively, and some even preferred to give anonymously. This year, a donation of \$1,000 or more qualifies for this club. Of course, we value whatever contribution you can give, knowing it is coming from the heart.

It is my ardent wish to bring our AAA campaign to completion in the shortest amount of time so we could focus on the needs of our parish. I would like to ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a member of the 1% Club this year, or at least discern what you can do to help make our faith community thrive today and in the future. Every dollar is crucial to sustain the Archdiocese of San Francisco which has many essential ministries like the Office of Vocation, the Department of Catholic Schools, and those serving the poor, youth, seniors, sick, and others. Of course, as mentioned above, any surplus will be returned to us for our own needs. Last year's surplus was added to the funds for Mary's grotto.

We will be launching our AAA on Sunday, February 26, 2023, the First Sunday of Lent. You can either drop off your AAA envelope or make your pledge that day.

May God, from whom all good things come, bless you abundantly for your generosity, love and support of His Church!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Arnold Zamora