

Good morning and thank you for your support of the Diocese of Gary CSA campaign.

It seems hard to believe that we are about to step off our CSA **2021** campaign.

The overall CSA 2021 goal, as approved by the Diocese of Gary Finance Council, will stay the same as last year's goal of \$2,245,000.

Even though the overall CSA goal stays the same, the individual Parish goals will fluctuate slightly based on the diocesan traditional CSA formula. Our formula illustrates your Parish's financial strength based on the Parish annual report submitted for fiscal year 2020.

Some parishes that had a drop in Offertory collections, fundraisers or general donations will see a slight decrease in goal. Parishes who were blessed with similar or higher Offertory collections or experienced an increase in general donation gifts or were recipients of an unrestricted bequest or estate gift will have a slight increase in goal.

The collection of the overall CSA goal is a **Diocesan wide effort** and the formula used portrays an objective way to distribute the goal among the parishes. Parishes exceeding their goals in paid pledges, will be issued rebate checks for 100% of the excess collections over goal. Many Pastors tag on special Parish projects to their Parish CSA goal to create a customized Parish goal. As was said earlier, the special 10% incentive payment will not be part of the CSA program this year.

Individual Parish goal letters will be emailed on Wednesday afternoon. A printed copy of the goal letter will be mailed to each parish as well. Please review your goal letter which shows the methodology on which your parish goal was calculated. Please direct any questions about your parish goal either through email to ktomasik@dcgary.org or by phone to Kathy Tomasik at 219-796-8020.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Service Appeal Campaign.