



June 20, 2017

To: Clergy & Pastoral Staff

From: Deacon Kevin Welch
Director of Pastoral Ministries

Thank you for your participation in the February 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (ACA).

As we look to a new fiscal year starting July 1st, one of the major purposes of this appeal will be the pastoral support to parishes in ministries such as Faith Formation, Marriage/Family, Youth Ministry, Life-Peace-Justice, Hispanic Ministry and Pastoral Care.

As an expression of our sincere gratitude to those parishes that reached their ACA goal, **the Archdiocese of Portland has created a grant to fund a significant portion of the parish cost of the first year subscription of FORMED.**

Your subscription to FORMED becomes a fantastic “virtual library” of Catholic media available to all of your parishioners, parish staff and parish school... anytime, anywhere, “on demand” for a variety of applications: family conversations, faith-sharing small groups, Bible studies, RCIA, youth ministry, marriage ministry, sacramental preparation and beyond. Learn more at www.formed.org .

If your parish reached your ACA goal, the Archdiocese grant will reduce the normal annual subscription price from \$1,680 to only \$750. For those smaller parishes who reached their goal, and have less than 300 registered families, the price will only be \$375.

The Augustine Institute will be providing our Archdiocese an initial Introduction and Orientation webinar on Monday, August 28, 2017 followed by 3 customized webinars based upon the specific needs of parishes in the archdiocese. These webinars will be conducted through the *ZOOM* Archdiocesan web conference service and recorded to be accessed as needed by your parish.

Again, thank you for your support of the 2017 Archbishops' Annual Appeal that has made this all possible. Contact us by July 21st at dpm@archdpdx.org to receive your special discount voucher/code.