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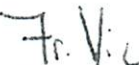
My Dear Friends in Christ,

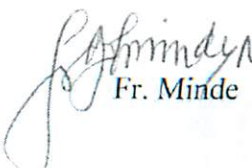
The Diocese of Las Vegas has just begun our annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) campaign for 2022. This year's CSA is *Journeying Together – the Diocese in Mission*, and takes inspiration from the Holy Father's recently launched Synod which seeks to encourage the whole Church to 'journey together' as the unified Body of Christ. When we pool our resources – our talents, our prayers, our labor, and our wealth – we can reach further and deeper in the mission of every baptized Catholic to 'love God and love neighbor' than we could as individuals. The leadership of the Diocese is again asking each parish to contribute to the diocesan CSA campaign, which will provide for the very important work of pastoral outreach, vocations, continuing clergy education, faith formation, campus ministry, and Catholic education within our own diocese. Each parish community is assessed for its proportionate share in the diocesan goal, and this year St. Francis of Assisi's goal is \$344,955.00. As in previous years, any funds we raise for the CSA that exceed this parish share here at St. Francis of Assisi will be returned directly to the parish to further our own projects and cover our own expenses for the work that we do here to provide sacraments, formation, education, prayer, and community to our members. Last year we did not meet the diocesan assessment for our parish, and so we have had to use our regular operating funds collected through weekly giving to make up the difference to the Diocese. Your CSA contribution outside of your customary parish giving will benefit our parish, whether by offsetting our CSA obligation or by returning to our parish in the event we exceed our goal.

The Pope's specially-instituted Synod 2021-23 reminds us that as Catholics, we are a universal Church whose members are all part of the one Body of Christ. As members of that Body, we are encouraged, indeed obliged, to use our gifts to the glory of God. One of the ways in which we can do this, especially in the context of being citizens of a relatively wealthy nation, is to share some of our capital resources with the wider Church to help further our joint mission to love like Jesus. Please consider making a contribution to this year's CSA by completing a pledge card or making a one-time donation. Your donation will help our Diocese to do its part in making sure that our worldwide faith family can not only survive, but grow and flourish. I would like to thank you in advance for your support of the 2022 CSA drive, but also, I thank you for sharing your talents and time and prayers freely all the year through. Peace and blessings to you all!

Sincerely in Christ,


Fr. John


Fr. Vic


Fr. Minde