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DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and wellbeing to you and your loved ones.

Let us offer our gratitude to God for another year of ministry in the service of God's people here in the Diocese of San Bernardino! I want to thank all in our diocesan, parish, and Catholic school ministries for their commitment to using financial resources wisely and creatively to fulfill the mission of the Diocese. We have been challenged in recent years with the reality of our operations budget experiencing financial losses, but I am happy to report that this trend decreased significantly this year compared to the previous budget cycle in 2022. With a spirit of joy and hope we continue to work hard to balance our budgets and manage our custodial funds. This is reflected in the Financial Position Statement, which is carefully monitored by our financial consultants and advisory committees.

Each year we publish our Diocesan Financial statements as part of our commitment to transparency and accountability in how our diocesan financial resources are managed. These statements are also audited annually by an Independent Certified Public Accounting Firm.

These statements represent our financial position as of June 30, 2023, as well as the revenues and expenses from the fiscal year ending June 2023. Financial notes are provided by the external auditor in its reports to clarify details on significant transactions.

I offer a heartfelt 'thank you' to all in our faith communities who continue to offer their support to the financial health of the Diocese. By answering the call to stewardship and making sacrifices for your local Church you help make vital ministries a reality. I pledge that the Diocese, with guidance from the Holy Spirit, will continue to manage and utilize your contributions justly.

In Christ's Love,

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Most Reverend Alberto Rojas Diocese of San Bernardino