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Today a headline news item about the launching of the **2012 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors [DDB] Program** was published on the diocesan website:

nynjoca.org

Information and details regarding the *"Vision for Our Future"* (articulated by His Grace, Bishop Michael, at our Diocesan Assembly) and the DDB Program will be permanently available on the website through a direct link icon.

DDB participants will have the opportunity to designate the initiative they would like to support through their contributions: (1) Mission Parishes, (2) Seminarians, (3) Existing Parishes, or (4) "as needed." As last year, contributions may be made conveniently on-line using a secure-server credit card transaction, or by check using the contribution form available for download on the webpage. All DDB contributions are acknowledged by letter from Bishop Michael including necessary documentation for income tax deductions.

Resources for priests and parishes are also available. A **DDB bulletin/newsletter insert** can be downloaded, printed, and reproduced for parish use. See the bottom portion of the webpage for "Resources" -- nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html -- *click here.*

His Grace requests that this information ... this ***invitation*** ... be conveyed as widely as possible to the faithful of the diocese. It is an opportunity to support the vital ministries of the Church ~ one person, one family, one parish, one organization at a time ~ in a unity of faith, love, and a commitment to fulfilling the work God has entrusted to our care. By building-up and revitalizing our parishes (small and large, new and old) and supporting those who will become the pastoral leaders of our Church in the future, DDBs bring forth "much good fruit" in Christ's holy vineyard.

Please help us by sharing this invitation with the faithful of our diocese, and by encouraging their prayerful consideration of becoming DDBs this year.

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