

2012 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Initiative

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we approach the end of the first third of 2012, you should know that contributions to our diocesan Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors initiative have been fairly “on-target” and in-line with projections and (more importantly) meeting the needs of *supporting missions, seminarians, and existing struggling parishes*. His Grace and the members of your Diocesan Council are truly grateful to all those -- individuals, parishes, organizations -- that have already offered a sacrificial gift this year. You may see the list of contributors at: nynjoca.org/ddb_honor_roll_2012.html



The continuing support of vital ministries within our diocese ... ministries that actually make a difference in the health and strength of our parishes ... depends upon DDBs for funding. We simply do not have the necessary funds available from the monthly parish assessments, a shockingly large percentage of which leaves the diocese to support the Central Church Administration (OCA).

There is a strategic element to the success of our efforts. *You!* Without your enthusiastic and proactive support ... in attitude, action, and communication ... the DDB initiative is just “a nice idea” and “wishful thinking.” With your committed support, we can reach out to our faithful with a message of hope and encouragement for the future of our Church; we can encourage them to support it! And, through their support, we will accomplish much to the glory of God and the good-estate of His Holy Church entrusted to our care.

Bishop Michael has said to all of our faithful:

“Please consider becoming a Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor by offering a sacrificial gift of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or whatever you are able this year to help our Diocese and support a ministry of your choice. May the Lord bless and keep you in His loving care!”

Bishop +Michael

Have you shared this with your beloved faithful? Are they aware of what’s going on in our diocese and the revitalization that has occurred since Bishop Michael accepted the yoke of archpastoral leadership as our spiritual shepherd? Do they know that there is a DDB initiative? Have they been welcomed and invited to participate? If not ... why not?

