

DLA Update from the Finance Council: Father Ken wrote to each of us asking that we make a DLA contribution of 20% more than last year if we are able to do so. It is very gratifying to see that the great majority of contributions so far have been up 20% or more. And this without any pulpit appeals, which Father and parishioners endorse wholeheartedly!

So that is great news. The bad news is that only 18% of parishioners (54% of regular Mass goers) have contributed, leaving us \$13,000 short of the diocesan assessment. Any shortage must be paid out of our operating budget, which is in a deficit position. Beyond that, we are counting on the 20% surplus contribution, which comes back to the parish dollar-for-dollar, in our financial planning. We need it.

We ask that anyone who can **make a contribution before the official end of the Appeal** on June 4 please do so, and if you can somehow find an extra 20%, all the better. We are committed to no borrowing this year and a balanced budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Successfully completing DLA on time is critical to those efforts.