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# EMBRACING OUR MISSION



Diocese of San Diego

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Office of the Bishop

October 15, 2007

Dear Friends:

Please accept this personal invitation, being extended to everyone in the Diocese of San Diego, to participate in a sacrificial giving campaign which we are calling *Embracing Our Mission*.

I need your help to cover the expense we incurred recently through compassionate outreach to our brothers and sisters who suffered sexual abuse within the family of the Church, so that we can continue, without serious jeopardy, the many other aspects of the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

The *Embracing Our Mission* campaign has a goal of \$25 million. This is the amount remaining after all available insurance and diocesan resources have been exhausted, not without what will be some painful consequences. A successful campaign will ensure keeping our Diocesan Pastoral Center and Saint Francis Seminary.

Please respond as generously as possible to *Embracing Our Mission* and be assured that I will be very grateful for whatever sacrifice you are able to make.

Sincerely in our Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert H. Brown".

Bishop of San Diego

## Sample Letter for Pastors

October 15, 2007

Dear Friends:

I am writing to invite you and everyone in \_\_\_\_\_ Parish to participate in a major diocesan fundraising campaign entitled **Embracing Our Mission**. Along with Catholics throughout our diocese, we need to do our share in responding to those who suffered sexual abuse in the Church while at the same time making sure that we continue our broader mission.

Since I cannot ask of you what I am unwilling to do myself, I am personally contributing \$1,535.00 (one month's salary) to the campaign. Some of you will be able to give more, but for others, giving less will be a sacrifice greater than my own. The challenge we face will require great sacrifice of us all.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your response to the **Embracing Our Mission** campaign. You may return it to the parish or stamp and mail it to the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Be sure to note that you can make your contribution on line. Checks should be made out to the Diocese of San Diego.

Thank you for what I know will be a generous response on your part to **Embracing Our Mission**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor