

UNITED IN MINISTRY

United in Ministry (UIM) is the annual diocesan appeal. UIM supports seminarian education, ministries of the Diocese, subsidizes the priest retirement fund and the operational budget of the diocese.

Parish goals for UIM are based upon the same income guidelines as parish tax assessment.

B. United in Ministry (UIM) rebates,

This policy is effective July 1, 2015. Parishes are to use the UIM campaign to raise funds for major expenditures such as: new construction, major renovations and or repairs. This benefits the parish by avoiding one time increases in the operating budget that would have long term effects such as increasing the UIM goal. Additionally the diocese benefits as more of the faithful become aware of how UIM helps parishes. The UIM campaign is not to be used as a means to circumvent the parish tax on regular ordinary operating income of the parish.

Specific guidelines that must be followed include:

- 1) The reason for the major expenditure must be identified. It should be identified in writing and publicized widely. A letter explaining the UIM fundraiser must be sent to the office of the United in Ministry Director and approval must be received in writing at the beginning of the campaign from the UIM office.
- 2) All fund raisers must be identified as supporting UIM. For example a banner would be created that says "UIM Builds Churches" or "UIM Repairs Roofs". This banner would be displayed at all fund raisers.
- 3) Proceeds from existing fundraisers (such as fiestas, bingo, rummage sales, etc.) may not be processed through UIM. Annual fiestas may not be run through UIM.
- 4) Second collections without envelopes designated for building fund may not be processed through UIM.
- 5) Other funds which are normally a part of the operating budget may not be applied to UIM.

The total diocesan UIM income is the sum of all the parishes' taxable income.

The individual parish income is divided by the total diocesan UIM income. This percentage is multiplied by the total UIM Diocese Goal which yields the individual parish UIM Goal.

The diocesan UIM Goal is set by the Bishop after consultation with Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Finance Council.

In the event of rare substantial increases in income (i.e. proceeds from sale of land), relief from an increase in the UIM Goal is at the discretion of the Bishop. Request for relief from this increase must be submitted in writing to the Bishop's office.