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To: Clergy in Charge of Congregations, Senior/Bishop's Wardens, Treasurers, Program Chairs, and Diocesan Staff

From: Desiree Brattin  
Canon for Finance & Administration

Re: 2021 Budget Requests

The process has begun for the preparation of the 2021 Operating Budget of the Diocese of Missouri. Diocesan Council will review and evaluate all requests and a final budget will be presented at Convention in November.

The attached document details the expected format and content of requests. Congregational requests will be reviewed in the following order: congregations engaged in redevelopment/start up work; congregations engaged in regional ministry; and congregations working with strategic goals and objectives that need short-term support. Diocesan Council will also give weight to those congregations that are up to date with their Parochial Reports and are paying their full assessment. If you are currently on a diminution schedule, please work to stay within that schedule.

In light of the current economic climate, we anticipate greater pressure on our budget (i.e., reduced revenues in investment income and potentially assessments). Accordingly, we encourage all parishes, missions, and other recipients to carefully review their requests for Diocesan support.

Budget requests must be received in the Diocesan Office by July 20, 2020. It is not the intent of Council to make an onerous process, nor are they looking for a large document- instead, they are looking for succinct answers to be able to form the best possible budget to serve the needs of the whole Diocese. I am available to assist you with any questions.