



By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Bridgeport

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+ In the name of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

After the prayerful consideration, hearing the opinion of the Presbyteral Council and the Finance Committee (can. 1263), and after consultation with the Diocesan Presbyterate, I, Frank J. Caggiano, the Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport hereby establish the new norms for a tax for the needs of the Diocese, commonly known as Cathedraticum, to be imposed on the parishes of the Diocese of Bridgeport in the following manner:

1. The tax rate of 12.5% will be imposed for all non-Bridgeport parishes. The tax will be calculated on all offertory, investment income (interest, dividends, realized gains), rental income, votive candles, gifts and contributions (excluding bequests).
2. The tax rate of 5.5% tax for all Bridgeport parishes. The tax will be calculated on all offertory, investment income (interest, dividends, realized gains), rental income, votive candles, gifts and contributions (excluding bequests).
3. The tax rate of 3% tax will apply to all parishes on their fundraising efforts with the exclusion of auxiliary activities, such as youth group, mission trips, etc.
4. With such calculated diocesan tax, if any parish experiencing an increase of \$20,000 or more in their annual tax assessment, this increase will be implemented with the help of the Diocesan Finance Office in over two years period.

Further, specific instructions will be sent from the Diocesan Finance Office.

Given at Bridgeport on first day of June, in the Year of Our Lord 2017. This new tax comes to effect on July 1, 2017.

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
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