



# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

## Diocese of Phoenix Statement on Paycheck Protection Program Loans

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The Diocese of Phoenix is very grateful that Congress specifically made nonprofit religious institutions eligible for Paycheck Protection Program Loans in order to save jobs during this time of national pandemic. Because of these loans, parishes and schools have been able to avoid significant layoffs or furloughs for teachers and staff, despite the significant decreases in revenue due to reduced activities and enrollment.

This pandemic has affected everyone, including the more than 4,200 people employed in our parishes, schools, missions and other Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese of Phoenix. These loans have been an essential lifeline to keep employees on payroll, ensure families maintain their health insurance, and enable lay workers to continue serving their brothers and sisters during this crisis.

We pray for the end of this pandemic and for the health and wellbeing of all who have been affected, particularly for the most vulnerable of the community.

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