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Dear Fellow Parishioner,

I pray that this letter finds you well having taken some time during the summer months for some rest and relaxation. I know that after such a busy period of time from Fall and then into the Winter months it was a non-stop whirlwind of activity with the renovation project. I was personally glad to take some time to rest. I do hope that you share my sentiments that the completed project is even more beautiful than I had ever imagined. Many repeat visitors who have been coming here for years shared with me during the summer months their satisfaction with the final project.

What next? During last few years the entire campus has experienced quite a bit of updating. Every indoor and outdoor light now uses an LED bulb; a significant part of the clapboard on the exterior of the church has been completely replaced; the Club Room has been completely renovated; a new heating system has been installed in the gymnasium; obviously the entire interior of the church has been renovated and we've even be able to restore the organ from St. John the Baptist Church. So what is left to do? Lots! In addition to continuing to build up the Body of Christ here in Dartmouth, as I look around the physical campus I am always looking to see what needs attention and it is clearly evident that the entire parking lot needs to be completely dug up and a new layer of asphalt needs to be laid. This will be an extremely expensive undertaking and so I have decided that instead of an Annual Collection this year, I am asking all parishioners to prayerfully reflect what you can donate to the Parking Lot Fund. I realize that it might take a couple of years to do this but all funds earmarked for the parking lot fund will be placed in a designated fund so that this project will become a reality. Please note that this is a designated fund and is not subject to the Diocesan Assessment that our parish gives to the Diocese to help the Diocese to run itself.

As I have mentioned in past years, I take my fiduciary responsibilities seriously and only turn to my fellow parishioners since like you, I take the need to financially support our parish important. I only turn to you confident that you will join me in funding for this most important project.

In advance, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every household for your continued support and witness to the Faith. Our community is a strong one and together we will continue to build upon our solid foundation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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