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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope and pray that the summer months were a time of rest and relaxation for you and your loved ones. After a hot summer without much rain, the cooler and usually wet weather of Fall will come as a nice change.

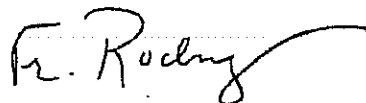
I write to share with you the financial statement of our parish. As you can readily see, we are paying our bills while at the same time we continue to make ongoing repairs and significant capital improvements to all of our parish buildings.

As was announced at Masses the weekend of September 10th & 11th, we have received permission to make much needed renovations to the interior of our church building. I hope that you share my enthusiasm about this upcoming project and will offer your support as we build upon our longstanding tradition of ensuring that our parish is in good financial and physical condition for future generations to enjoy. A worship space, i.e., the interior of a church is the spiritual epicenter of the life of the Christian faithful. Ensuring that the space is prayerful and is able to accommodate adequately worshippers is of paramount importance. To that end, I encourage all parishioners to be as financially supportive as you are able to be this year as we seek donations for our Building Fund. The financial burden of renovating our church building will certainly affect overall parish finances as we will be utilizing monies that have been principally designated for the renovation since I arrived and as I have promised. Please know that every cent collected this year will go directly to the Building Fund and that money will be specifically earmarked for this project and for no other project or purpose.

I take my fiduciary responsibilities very seriously. I am grateful for the trust that parishioners have in me as you financially contribute to the overall life of our parish. Please note that I consider myself one among equals and therefore, as I have said in the past, I too, will be receiving this letter and will make a sacrificial gift offering just as I ask every household to do the same.

In advance, I thank you for your continued support and your witness to the Faith. Our community is strong; I am grateful for your willingness to make it even stronger.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L.

Pastor