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We wish you **a joy-filled Christmas Season and prosperous New Year**. We celebrated Christmas, welcomed the Lord into our hearts and have experienced His blessings. We want to continue to experience His presence and blessings throughout 2016 and beyond.

Making a couple of good resolutions right at the beginning of the year will ensure that the blessings of the Lord bear fruit in us in the New Year. Thus we will continue to grow as individuals, as families and as a parish. If you have good ideas for the growth of our parish please do not hesitate to share. If you are able and willing to do a little more, kindly come forward.

There are many signs of life, growth and sharing in our parish and school, signs that the Lord is leading and guiding us. During the past month our school successfully organized a spaghetti dinner, a breakfast with Santa and put on a delightful Christmas concert in Fr. Robert Carney Performing Arts Center. We had a new venture organized by Cathy: a breakfast to usher in Advent. Hope you enjoyed the cookies sold by the choir. Thank you - your support made these events successful. The preparation of the children for First Reconciliation is going on. I am glad to see how well the parents support their children in this important matter. Don't you find our Manger awesome? Please take time to visit and pray in front of it.

Thank you for being there and for doing your best; your support means everything. May God bless you, your families and dear ones. Let us welcome the New Year with hope, confidence and gratitude.

Fr. Thomas Kuttiyanickal
(Administrator)

John Hyland
(Stewardship committee chair)

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services assists the poor and vulnerable overseas with no prejudice to creed, race or nationality. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to: **promote human development** and **serve Catholics in the United States** as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. We work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures.

Catholic Relief Services is a pro-life organization dedicated to preserving the sacredness and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We protect, defend and advance human life around the world by directly meeting basic needs and advocating solutions to injustice.

To reach all those who need our help, we also participate in humanitarian initiatives undertaken by a wide range of groups, such as governments, other faith communities and secular institutions. CRS and its board of bishops and laypersons have a careful review system to ensure fidelity to Catholic moral teaching and to ensure that all funds under CRS' direct control are used only for purposes complying with that teaching.

CRS is in 101 countries, serving more than 85 million people. Through the global Catholic Church, CRS is afforded access to remote locations where no other organizations serve, yet where some of the world's most vulnerable populations live. In 2014, 92% of revenue was spent on programs that benefit the poor overseas. About 35% percent of our programming focuses on emergency relief and recovery. We meet immediate needs for food, water and shelter, we transition to rebuilding and reconstruction, supporting the survivors of natural disasters and chronic emergencies in reclaiming their lives. In the U.S., CRS carries out the social mission of the Church with 8.5 million Catholics in 14,337 parishes, dioceses and schools.

CRS and its partners protect human life and dignity promote just relationships between all people, and Increase equitable and inclusive access to and influence