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RE: Parish Finance Update during COVID-19

Dear St. Andrew Community,

It is our hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well. Much like in your own families, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our parish too. Most notably, the suspension of public Mass for almost two-and-a-half months along with other celebrations being cancelled or delayed has impacted us on many levels. **Throughout this time, however, our spiritual commitment and prayers for you and your family has not stopped.** With praise to God, we are pleased that our Parish has re-opened, even if in a somewhat limited capacity, complete with new social distancing protocols.

You may be wondering how the pandemic has impacted St. Andrew financially. Speaking openly, **it has been a difficult and bumpy ride over the last 4 months.** A summary of our financial experience includes:

- ✓ **Total Offertory giving has experienced a reduction of 14%** from Q1 - \$200k to Q2 - \$173k
- ✓ **We aggressively reduced electricity expenses** from Q1 - \$27,452 to Q2 - \$13,077
- ✓ **We are committing capital funds to expand our audio/visual equipment to support ongoing virtual Mass availability** for parishioners who will be unable to join us in person
- ✓ **We were blessed to be approved for the Federal Government Paycheck Protection Program** and received much-needed funds to assist us to continue to pay staff
- ✓ **Further good news...**
 - **The St Andrew Parish Outreach organizations (this would include both SVDP and SMDP) saw quarterly giving increase of +55%** from Q1 \$23,209 to Q2 \$36,081 – showing that so many of our parishioners recognize the growing needs of so many of our neighbors.
 - Many families have responded to our spring request to switch to online giving. It's safe, convenient and super easy to set up.

In an attempt to provide transparency, we hope these quick facts provide you with a snapshot of the impact that COVID-19 has had on St. Andrew. **We expect challenges to continue while the situation develops over the next several months.** Without further action from the government, **organizations like ours are back "on our own" to manage financially.**

So, as we turn the page for our new Fiscal Year (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021), we ask your family to prayerfully consider [starting a sacrificial, recurring online giving routine this year](#) to support our Parish. For those who have already transitioned to online giving, we are grateful. To all members of our parish, your gifts are making a difference -- for which we are very grateful. Committed and ongoing financial support will support our parish to bring the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to an ongoing reality.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

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Fr. Dan Fleming
Pastor

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James Hill
Finance Council Co-Chair

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Jim Sterritt
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