



Spirit of Christ Mission

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Dear Spirit of Christ Parishioner:

On June 29, 2014, I wrote to all Spirit of Christ Parishioners outlining the financial challenges we were encountering at that time and addressing some of the concerns from parishioners surfaced by the Spirit of Christ Finance Council. I concluded that letter with these words:

While these are challenging times for all of us, they are also filled with opportunity and potential. We are a people of faith and that makes us into a community of hope, always asking the question, "What more can we do and how can we do it with the highest quality and deepest conviction, for the sake of the mission of Christ in this place." (The full text of this letter continues to be available on the parish website.)

Subsequent to that letter I asked Mr. Rick Curtis to lead two full parish meetings (November 17, 2014 and April 28, 2015) to discuss the content of the letter and to engage the parish in a process to discern what our future direction might be. Rick responded to a variety of questions and concerns and through that shared conversation helped provide a strategy to begin to meet the challenge we face. *(The minutes from those meetings continue to be available on the parish website.)*

To help us continue that conversation I invite you to gather at Spirit of Christ on **Tuesday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m.** for a pot luck meal with Diocesan representatives, Sister Rita McGinnis, Director of Chancery Services, Glenda Seipp, Stewardship Services and Jim Carney, Financial Services. Following the meal there will be an opportunity for conversation around the challenges faced by the Spirit of Christ Community to ensure a self-sustaining future. Cheryl Russell will coordinate the pot-luck supper—details will be published in the Bulletin. Please mark your calendars to attend this event. Thank you.

As we continue to move forward we are encouraged with the words of scripture proclaimed last Sunday from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

"...we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance proven character, and proven character hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the "Spirit of Christ" that has been given to us."

May that same "Spirit of Christ" continue to guide us and shape our future.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Hislop, Pastor