



January 27, 2022

Dear Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ Parishioner:

"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts..." The Word of God from Paul's letter to the Church at Corinth, proclaimed Sunday January 30, 2022, reflects our long journey through these past two years of "pandemic."

We still long, with "joyful hope" for the greater gift of being together again; hopefully we are "on the way home," still holding in our hearts the precious gifts of faith, hope and love. Throughout these months, we all found "refuge" in our faith which was, and is, our "stronghold." Through it all we found the Lord to be our hope and our firm foundation.

So many in our faith community lovingly cared for the sick, the isolated and the lonely. Your presence in the lives of so many was and is the loving presence of Christ of whom we are all a part. Your love for family, friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners is the love of Christ, who *"bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* *1 Corinthians 13:7*

Throughout all the days of this "season of pandemic," the love of so many parishioners of Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ has been and is remarkable: *PRESENCE* in the lives of so many; *PERSISTENCE* in the shared worship of the Lord at Sunday Mass; and *STEADFASTNESS* in generous financial support of our parish, even when it was not possible to be present due to the Covid crisis. Indeed, we have much to celebrate as we remember fifty years of faithful worship, service and presence and "move forward," with ever enhanced vision and determination *"TO HONOR THE PAST, SERVE THE PRESENT AND PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE,"* as the Blessed Trinity renovation project continues.

THANK YOU for your continued generous and loving support of Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ. *"So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."* *1 Corinthians 13:13*

The financial report of your "sacrificial giving" throughout 2021 is on the back of this letter. If you have any concerns or questions please call Jim McDonald, our parish Financial Services Director at the parish office.

Let the prayer of the Psalmist this Sunday echo through 2022: *"O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds."* *Psalm 71:17*

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Hislop, Pastor

Encl: **CORRECTED 2021 Financial Statement** on back of this letter.

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