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Dear Parish Family,

Last fall I solicited volunteers for a new parish Finance Council. They convened on October 28 and have been at work ever since. Attached is their initial report to me as my advisors and to you as your representatives.

Please take the time to read over the Report (at a minimum, the Summary Report). It is important that we all understand that the parish has been operating at a deficit for the past year and a half, and that a recent Diocesan mandate to begin repayments on financial obligations connected with the Bishop Bosco Center (BBC) will exacerbate our financial position significantly. (See chronology attached to this report.)

The Council has recommended a short-term strategy for the next five months to keep us afloat. We will manage our spending to a revised forecast which reduces the budgeted deficit, and we will seek deferral of our loan obligations until July.

Meanwhile, we will do everything necessary to resume loan payments and produce a balanced budget by July 1. *On the income side I now am asking parishioners who can manage an increase in your offertory envelopes and Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA) contribution to prayerfully consider doing so. We need to achieve an average increase of \$4 per envelope in our weekly collection and a 20% increase in our Diocesan Lenten Appeal contributions over last year's amount. (I will send a separate letter soon to further explain the merits and objectives of the DLA.)*

On the expenditure side, I will pursue immediately diocesan approval to reduce or defer our monthly payments on the BBC loan to help buy us some time. With the Council's help I will assess the impact of your generosity in increasing offertory and DLA, and then I will identify whatever reductions in staff, programs, or services necessary to resume loan payments.

With your generosity, the staff's good work, and the Council's oversight our parish will achieve financial stability without distraction from our spiritual purpose.

May God bless you and your families,

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