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My dear friends,

It's that time of the year again! The air is crisp, the leaves are turning color, and our Parish Annual Fund is underway! Having recovered, for the most part, from the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic (financially and otherwise), we now find ourselves facing a new challenge: higher costs due to inflation.

Like you, I am reminded of this reality whenever I go shopping and have to cut back on my own personal spending. Living in these uncertain times, we not only have to deal with today's rising prices, but also not knowing for how long they will remain this way. It is prudent, therefore, to hold back a bit on future projects until things settle down.

Thankfully, we were able to bring to completion some important projects: the pews at Saint Christopher Church have been refinished, and the room dividers have been installed in the hall of Our Lady of Peace Church to create classrooms for our Religious Education Program. These classrooms will be used when the school building is sold and we no longer have use of it.

A major concern is a decline in our income. You may have noticed that our weekly Offertory Collection has gone down by about \$10,000 so far this year. Some of this may be a result of parishioners cutting back because of inflation. We also had the funerals of some parishioners who had given generously in the past. Also, income from our investments have declined because of what has been going on in the stock market. So, the primary goal of this year's Parish Annual Appeal is to recover some of this lost income.

In addition, the flat roof over the sacristy at Our Lady of Peace Church needs to be replaced due to leaks that have occurred during heavy rain storms. Until the school building is sold, we are responsible for its maintenance so those costs have to be considered as well. We will also need to have funds available to cover unexpected expenses and to pay for regular expenses which are likely to increase due to inflation.

Your generosity has made it possible to meet the challenges of uncertain times in the past, and I know that I can count on you again even as you deal with your own financial responsibilities.

Saint Edmund Campion, patron of our parish family, pray for us.

May God bless you for your kindness and friendship,

Father John

Father John Gwozdz

(Tear on perforation to return Parish Annual Fund card)

Saint Edmund Campion Parish ~ 2022 Parish Annual Fund



Name: _____
Street: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

Please check one:

- Single Payment in Full
 Monthly Reminder Statement

Please prayerfully consider:

- | <u>Pledge</u> | <u>2 Payments</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | \$500 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500 | \$250 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 250 | \$125 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150 | \$ 75 per month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | \$ _____ |

Gift Total: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____

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Your kindness and generosity are most appreciated!