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Dear parishioners,

As I write this letter we are experiencing the beauty of a fall day in Ohio. The crisp cool days, the gorgeous change in the color of the leaves; cause me to reflect on the wonder of God's creation. I hope that you have had the opportunity this fall to spend some time in God's creation and to reflect on the blessings in your life. Chief among my blessings is witnessing what God is doing in our parish. We had one of the largest numbers of people ever being baptized and received into the Church this past Easter. This is because of your witness to Christ in what you say and more importantly in what you do.

Thank you for your witness. Thank you also for the finance support you give to the parish through our Sunday offertory program. This past Saturday and Sunday Michael and Libby O'Donnell spoke at the Masses on how they witness their faith by tithing financially to our parish and in sharing their time and talent. Please join me in thanking them for their witness of faith.

This week, prayerfully consider what percentage of your income you will tithe to our parish in 2027. Making this decision prayerfully and intentionally transforms your tithe into an act of worship and a sacrificial gift. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the collection basket, by mail, or to the parish office. If you haven't looked at the parishes' ministry booklet, please go to the parish website to see how you can share your gifts of time and talent with others both within the parish and beyond.

Know that I continue to pray for you and your family and please pray for me that I receive the grace to be a good and faithful pastor.

Craig R. Eilerman

Very Rev. Craig R. Eilerman
Rector