



CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN

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Dear Friends,

I trust this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy. These past 7 months have been unprecedented in our life-time. A global pandemic has shaped our lives in ways we could have never imagined this time last year. In March, the Cathedral parish transitioned from an active campus to a “virtual” parish relying on the use of technology. Yet our parish continued to make a difference in people’s lives. The Church’s bedrock ministry of Word, Sacrament and Service continued through the use of technology.

I want to THANK all who financially supported the parish through this challenging time. Even though the Cathedral doors were closed for 3 months, offertory income fell just \$11K short of the prior year! The parish was also the recipient of a number of unplanned bequests which went a long way in helping us to meet our financial obligations. On the expense side, the ‘shut down’ permitted significant savings on energy and maintenance costs. Regrettably, however, it was necessary to trim our payroll by 6 staff positions. The result was an operating surplus which allowed us to pay outstanding bills that had accumulated over the prior year which saw a significant decline in offertory revenue.

What lies ahead is still clouded in uncertainty. But what is certain is the Cathedral parish is “open for business.” Our parish school enjoyed a positive opening earlier this month, with in-class instruction and the Sunday School of Religion just began a new year as well. A number of individuals are being prepared to join us in our Catholic faith and the poor and disadvantaged are being served through various outreach ministries. Most important, the public celebration of the sacraments has resumed with a full Mass schedule for both Sunday and weekday. As we pray for a successful vaccine, which will permit a full resumption of “in person” ministries, the parish staff is committed to do all we can to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people.

As in years past, I come to you seeking your support as we begin our Fall Stewardship Program. The funds you contribute to the Cathedral Parish do much more than provide for the brick and mortar expenses of maintaining such a large and beautiful campus. Your support helps the ministries and programs of the parish that make a difference in the lives of people. I ask your financial support which affords the parish the necessary resources to maintain its professional work force and other programing needs.

Please consider the level of your financial support of the Cathedral. I encourage you to maintain and if possible strengthen your commitment by moving a step forward, even a small one with an increase to your weekly offering. Know you have my sincere gratitude for your commitment to the parish we love and cherish.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Richard W. Woy
Rector

Weekly Income	10%	7%	5%	3%	1.5%	1%
\$400	\$40	\$28	\$20	\$12	\$6	\$4
\$800	\$80	\$56	\$40	\$24	\$12	\$8
\$1,000	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$30	\$15	\$10
\$2,000	\$200	\$140	\$100	\$60	\$30	\$20
\$3,000	\$300	\$210	\$150	\$90	\$45	\$30

CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN OFFERTORY RENEWAL

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

My new weekly/monthly offertory sacrificial gift will be \$_____.

Please check:

- I will begin giving online through Faith Direct.
- I already give through Faith Direct and will update my account to increase my weekly/monthly gift.
- I already give through Faith Direct and would like Mary Believeau, Director of Development, to update my account with my new weekly/monthly amount.
- I give cash and would like to begin using offertory envelopes. Please send me an envelope packet.

Please tear off and mail to the parish in the reply envelope provided. You may also drop this card in the offertory basket at church or email your commitment to Mary Believeau mbeliveau@cmaq.org