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Dear Parishioners.

As we navigate through the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Healthy Fall and Winter. I would like to Thank and express My Sincere Appreciation to each and every one of the St. Joseph and St. Anthony Parishioners for All the Outstanding Support you have provided to our Church Community! Through Your Continued Prayer and Support, along with God's Blessings We Will Succeed!

As your Pastor, I am respectfully sending this letter to all of Church Families and Individuals to make everyone aware of the effect the Pandemic has had on our Church Community and our finances. We continue to observe the reduced attendance at all, of our Masses. We truly miss seeing you and interacting with each of you in our Church Family. The reduced capacities are designed to protect all Parishioners and their families while maintaining 'Social Distancing' as recommended by our Diocese and Government. As you may have already determined, the reduced attendance at our Masses has resulted in reduced collections which is having an adverse effect on the St. Joseph and St. Anthony Church Communities. In an effort, to provide each of you with a disclosure of our financial status resulting from the Pandemic, I am providing a comparison of our current 2020 Collections to our 2019 Collections. As of today, our collections are down nearly 40% from 2019.

The Parish uses the Collections that our Parishioners provide and monies earned from additional Fundraisers over the course of each year to meet our expenses for: utilities, upkeep and maintenance of our Church Facilities and Grounds as well as normal Assessments to the Diocese.

Our Annual Fall Festival along with the Plate Lunch Sales has been one of our primary sources of additional income through fund raisers over the years. As we have been unable to conduct the Fall Festival this year, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have fallen short of our typical fund-raising goals. As a result, we are asking each of our Church Family, to make a minimum \$100.00 donation per family over the remaining 2 months of 2020 ending on December 31st, 2020. Any additional donations would be Greatly Appreciated!

You can either pay the \$100 or more at one time or use the enclosed envelope to provide your donation to the St. Joseph and St. Anthony Church Year End Collection. Any and All Donations is Greatly Appreciated!

Yours in Christ,

Father Ryszard Zawadzki, SVD