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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It brings me great joy to see the Holy Spirit working within us as a parish community! Last year, our parish's participation in the Capital Campaign raised funds to support the exterior repairs to the church building. Your response to that campaign was and is truly remarkable.

This year, to support the ongoing work of the Archdiocese, which supports the work of the parishes, as well as caring for its retired clergy and religious, providing assistance to the poor, catholic schools, religious education, and seminary formation, I am once again calling upon you, as I am calling upon myself, to support this appeal. Our goal is \$134,000, and it is my hope that every single member of the parish will in some way contribute and thus enable us to realize this amount.

I know some of us are a little hesitant to support the Archdiocese, but as we know, the Church is more than the Parish of Blessed Sacrament. This appeal is a way of expressing our love and concern for all our sisters and brothers throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese of New York. I urge you to pray and give some thought to what you can do. Perhaps for some, all that could be afforded is \$10. Perhaps others could offer \$10,000. For the rest, perhaps, somewhere between the two or even above. Whatever you do out of love for the community of faith, the Church, the People of God, will be a blessing to those in need. Let us not forget, too, that perhaps we or our fellow parishioners might, at times, be the ones in need who call upon the Church for assistance. Again, thank you for your support and understanding.

May God be with you,

Father John P. Duffell
Pastor