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Dear St. Rose Family,

Peace!

This letter is written with a two-fold purpose in mind. The first is to thank each of you for staying after mass on the weekend of 15 – 16 October for our first “State of the Parish” address. It was my hope to try to help focus us on the richness of where we, as a family, came from, where we are and where we need to go.

I am also very grateful for the many who took the time the weekend of 22 – 23 October to remain after mass for the Q and A session. I pray that everyone felt that their questions were addressed in an open and honest way. I am also grateful for the many suggestions that came out of the Q and A, which leads me to the second purpose of this letter.

As you recall from the “State of the Parish” address, I mentioned that we would be selling one of the properties to replenish our reserves after spending \$400,000 for the front steps and another \$400,000 for the HVAC system in the Church and the Devine Center. Some members of our family feel that the family has never been asked to fund the projects and before we sell any property, would like a chance to raise the money.

As I have been here barely four months, I was reluctant to ask but the response from individuals was “this is not your problem, you inherited it.” It was also stated that the letter would be from the family members to other family members. When asking the assembled group if they would like to receive such a letter, 90% said “yes”.

On behalf of our family, I would like to ask each household to consider making a gift to allow us to keep our property and do the much-needed repair work. We have 1530 registered families and if each family contributes \$300, we will easily make our goal of \$400,000. If only half of the families contribute \$600, we will easily make our goal. By the time you receive this letter, I will have made my first of ten payments towards my pledge of \$5,000, to be completed by July 2023, for the front steps of the Church.

When writing your check, please be sure to put in the memo section “restricted for St. Rose of Lima Stairs”. We would also ask that you please consider responding with a payment no later than 15 November 2023.

As a family, we are here to love and support one another. When needed, we carry one another, we laugh together, fight together, play together, and pray together.

On behalf of our family, we are grateful for whatever support we can give in support of one another.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Larry".

Fr. Larry and members of our St. Rose of Lima family