Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It has been six months since I joined this friendly, welcoming community. Many people greeted me with generous and kind gestures. The people of this church have many beautiful memories. I look forward to building more joyful, fulfilling memories together as a parish family.

Late one evening, observing an elderly gentleman dropping off his offering, my heart was truly moved. That generous, kind gesture shows me the great love and care the people of this community have for their "second home," their church family. I keep that image in my mind and heart as it gives me hope and confidence in this "new home" of mine. I prayerfully thank God every day for you and our community. It is God's gracious generosity—and yours—that makes us who we are; always caring for one another and reaching out to help others beyond our community.

Thank you for your generous support. Thanks to your contribution, we were able to surpass our past Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) goal. That surplus—which has been rebated to us—has helped maintain our parish programs. To continue to make this parish an actively growing home, we need your family to continue to support our parish with your presence, prayers, financial gifts and your active participation.

Our ADA goal for this coming year, $52,719, reflects a decrease from last year's $53,795. Again this year, any additional amount that you generously donate will be rebated to the parish.

An important need, funded by your generosity, is to hire a part-time receptionist. Another part-time staff member will enable us to function more efficiently. We also need to rebuild cash reserves to maintain a sound financial footing.

As always, I appreciate and am grateful for your generosity. As I call to mind that image of a gentleman dropping off his offering, I think of you and your family—the blessed, generous people of this active community.

With prayers,

Fr. Andrew