Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Now that summer is over and school has begun (on-line and in person) I thought I would try again to reach all our parishioners. I hope you are well and safe and know that even though some physical separation affected us, we are more importantly united spiritually for "nothing can separate us from the love of God shown to us in Christ Jesus" and from each other. We are one family in the Lord and the Body of Christ in the world. Here at the parish we are here to serve you and your family and very eager to journey with you in faith during these unique and challenging times. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for the support and encouragement you may need.

The letter you are reading has been sent to about 2,000 families including our top 150 contributors. All of you are the main supporters of our parish church and school. As true stewards of the Gospel, you have made it possible for our parish to continue its mission of worship, prayer, education, sacramental preparation, catechesis, evangelization and joyful service during this pandemic. You are true missionary disciples and compose the spiritual and financial leadership of our parish. You are faithful and sacrificial as I realize that some of you have made big sacrifices to send your children to our incredible Catholic school. I also know that despite personal hardships and challenges you have not abandoned the mission of Christ to proclaim and spread his kingdom through the Church. As a "core parishioner", you have made it possible for us to be the presence of our loving Lord in this vibrant community. Thank you so much for everything. I know that I echo the gratitude of so many people and I hope you all feel this gratitude personally in the warmth of your good hearts.

As we examine our supporting parishioners, we notice that our most significant financial leaders are persons of authentic catholic faith. You are people of prayer who are open to growing closer to the Lord and to each other "in" the Church ", "with" the Church, and "as" Church. Many are school parents and families. Most come to Mass each or almost every week. Some are daily Mass attendees and most are active in some ministry of service, catechesis, or charity. Some are long-time parishioners and others are relatively new. A good number of you are over the age of 65 and a growing number are under the age of 50. There are some very impressive young adults among our financial leaders.

All of YOU have made it possible for us to continue the mission the Lord entrusted to us. You have made it so much easier for me to carry out the many great responsibilities on my shoulders. Thank YOU from the bottom of my heart and be assured that you have made a very big difference in the lives of so many people. You have made a big difference in my own life as pastor and my faith has been deeply enriched by you. Once again, thank you for sustaining us. Try to inspire others to do so. If only we could evangelize those brothers and sisters for whom the Catholic faith is not a treasured gift. If only we could ask them to open their hearts and minds to God's infinite love.... If only...can you imagine! Help me in this privileged mission and once again thank you so very much for your good stewardship.

Together with you in ministry,

Father Len

We, the staff of Espiritu Santo would like to thank you for all you do to support our parish in so many ways. We understand that financially supporting our parish has been difficult during these times. We are keenly aware, through our daily contact, of the sacrifice you make to ensure that our mission continues on, and for that we are deeply grateful.

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