



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

November 15, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

Over the years you have heard members of the parish finance council give a report on the parish finances, commenting on the surplus at the end of the year. They mentioned that this is invested in an interest-bearing account that allows for deferred maintenance or unexpected situations that were not anticipated in the budget.

I'd like to comment on the issue of deferred maintenance. Periodically, we need major repairs due to the aging of our buildings. This may be roofing, plumbing, or electrical work.

Barrett Hall was completed in the mid 1980s. Over the years we have replaced the roof, painted it, and even laid new vinyl flooring. Two years ago we replaced the chairs and installed new lighting with energy-efficient LEDs. We have also installed a new sound system. We are planning further renovations. The restrooms are presently being remodeled with new toilets, sinks, energy efficient lighting, fixtures, floors, and tiled walls. I am hoping all the work will be completed before Christmas. While that work is going on, the restroom facilities of the school will be available for those using Barrett Hall, the Music Room, and the Fireside Room. I thank you for your patience in the interim. When it is completed, I think you will find it well worth the inconvenience.

The other project in Barrett Hall will be new flooring in the main gathering area as well as in the Cityside and Seaside Rooms. I am hoping that this will be completed in the Spring.

A final project for this coming year has to do with the youth lounge. Although it has been used since the parish activity center was completed, we found that the noise of people playing basketball and volleyball next door made it difficult for the youth-related activities. We plan to install soundproofing materials to alleviate this problem.

We have built some beautiful facilities through your generosity. I want to make sure that they remain that way and serve the needs for which they were built. By staying on top of our facilities through continued maintenance, they can be used effectively for many years to come. Your generosity has made this possible.

Yours in Christ,

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Pastor