



Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Eighteenth Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord!

I hope and pray you are well. This letter, as usual, allows me to reach out to you and encourage you in your relationship with the Lord Jesus and his Church. Today, especially, it is very easy to put the Lord and our Christian duties aside. I invite you to live a truly sacramental life—a life where God matters—with Mass each Sunday, going to Confession, and praying in some way each day. We need to support one another in this Christian way of life.

This letter also is an appeal to you to contribute to our annual *Parish Fall Collection* (formerly known as the *Block Collection*). This year again the proceeds of the *Parish Fall Collection* will be directed to the established fund for the much-needed painting of the interior of the Cathedral Basilica. This painting project will cost several million dollars and will require other funding sources in addition to the annual *Parish Fall Collection*. I am not planning any campaign for this project because I believe we can raise the funds over several years.

Please consider a gift contribution of at least \$250 to this *Parish Fall Collection*. Your contribution, no matter the amount, is truly appreciated and is a great help. Your contribution can be made electronically, <https://www.osvhub.com/cathedralofsspeterpaul/giving/funds> on the Cathedral website. It can also be returned by mail or in the Sunday collection basket with the enclosed envelope.

Please consider making your weekly offering to the Cathedral Parish electronically. You can do this by following the steps outlined on the Cathedral Parish website. Thank you so very much for your generous assistance to our Cathedral Parish. Let us keep one another in our prayers. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us! Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector

PS The Parish Finance Update will be published on the Cathedral Website and sent to you in the Cathedral Parish E-newsletter.