



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 gives me the opportunity to reach out to you as our parishioners and encourage your life of faith, to invite you to live a truly sacramental life with a commitment to Sunday Mass above all. We need more than ever to support one another as intentional followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I am always ready to help you do this in a more personal way.

This letter also is an appeal to you to contribute to our annual *Parish Fall Collection* (formerly known as the *Block Collection*). This is our only appeal during the year. More recently the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful Cathedral Basilica have required expenditures that were not budgeted, especially lighting and HVAC expenses. The proceeds from this year's appeal will be used to offset these major expenses.

Please consider a gift contribution of at least \$250 to \$300 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. 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, or by scanning the below QR code. 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,

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.*