



October 22, 2020

My Dear Parishioners:

This past week for those who are attending the masses, I have spoken about the new encyclical by Pope's Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)* – A number of parishioners have expressed interest in ordering the encyclical. However, to place a personal order the shipping costs are expensive. The parish is willing to place an order under the parish umbrella. The cost for the *Encyclical only*, including taxes and shipping will be \$12.00. The cost for the *3 pack book* including taxes and shipping will be \$20.00. **All parishioner orders must be paid in advance by cheque** (no cash payments). All parishioners must sign up to place their order in the parish office. (No phone calls please.) All cheques for payment should be payable to the: **Church of Ascension** and provided when placing your order. **The deadline for ordering is noon on Thursday, November 5th, 2020.** An announcement will be provided upon receipt of the order sometime in November.

Regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal, as registered parishioners you should have received a letter in the mail. This year's theme for the appeal is *Horizon of Hope*. The goal that we have for our parish as mentioned is building a Marian Grotto. The location has been chosen; the design and estimated cost still to be determined. You will see in the mail out from the office the weekly contributions to the appeal that our parishioners have given so far. I hope you will consider a donation to the appeal for the diocesan projects and our own of the grotto.

Thank you to those parishioners who have donated backpacks for the homeless. With the cold weather now some of the homeless only have T-Shirts and hoodies. There is an urgent need for donations of men's sweaters, jackets and gloves and boots. We have a supply of clothing on hand for women. Thank you to the Knox United Church parishioners for the clothing-drive of donations for the homeless recently. The clothing was brought here, so that when people come for the showers they can pick

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up what is needed. It is in St. Paul's room where the supplies of clothing and toiletries are being kept.

You may have noticed or heard the sign for the church was blown down by the wind storm last week. The other day Blair's Fencing dropped into the office and said they would repair the sign itself at no charge; excluding the little roof. That was a pleasant surprise and thank you to the company. I was wondering if the wind storm had caused any other damage, and sure enough on Friday the thermostat was not working properly in the hall. Reg from Arrowsmith Refrigeration came on Saturday to have a look at what was happening. The heat pump unit on the roof of the hall had the fuses blown and the compressor grounded electrically and is now shot. Estimates for replacing the unit and the compressor will be provided. We are presently only using the electric heat for the hall.

In closing our prayers are with the Dolan family, as their father Brian Dolan died on Tuesday. His wife Francis died on Aug. 14th. We will be meeting with Helen, their daughter tomorrow to plan her father's funeral.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Mike". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Fr. Mike".

Fr. Mike