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Dear Annunciation Family,

Let me be direct. Today, I write about commitment—your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to sharing God's Word and living Christ's love.

Last year, the Vestry identified five goals for 2026: hiring an assistant priest or curate to support our clergy and lead youth ministry, achieving financial stability, addressing facility repairs, deepening community outreach, and rebranding our parish to remain relevant and welcoming. We have made meaningful progress, with some goals accomplished and others requiring continued effort. Our parishioners have helped make this progress possible. Thank you for your commitment and generosity.

God's work is never done. In 2027, we are called to look beyond ourselves and focus more intentionally on being disciples of Jesus—sharing His Word and extending His love beyond our church walls.

Discipleship means following Jesus through prayer, worship, learning, service, generosity, and active participation in God's mission. Discipleship calls us to grow beyond attendance into active participation in the life and ministry of our church—to worship together, serve one another, and share God's love with our community. As Scripture reminds us, *"Let your light shine before others"* (Matthew 5:16).

Today, Annunciation dedicates 3.9% of its revenue to outreach. Our goal is to increase this to 10%, reflecting a deeper commitment to discipleship through meaningful outreach and service. Our giving makes this ministry possible, and our participation brings it to life. This is an important journey, and one we must take together. We must also care for our parish home by maintaining talented staff, addressing facility repairs, refreshing our Parish Hall, repairing our parking lot, and sharing Annunciation's story with our community. These investments sustain the foundation from which our ministry grows.

As you prayerfully consider your 2027 pledge, ask yourself how God is calling you to respond. Can you increase your giving? Become more involved in worship or a ministry? Offer your time and talents in service to others? I invite each of us to take a meaningful next step in our commitment to God and to Annunciation. Together, we can grow as disciples, strengthen our outreach, and bring Christ's love to more of God's children.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, let us continue the work God has called us to do.

Faithfully,

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