ST. ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH
& SCHOOL

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Dear Parishioners of St. Roch,

Grace and peace to you in Christ.

Many of you are aware of the recent changes in the parish business office and in how our financial operations are handled. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, together with the accounting firm of Agresta, Storms & O'Leary, is currently overseeing and assisting with our parish finances. I know that this transition happened quickly, and I understand that it has raised questions and concerns for many in our parish community.

Whenever changes like this occur, it naturally brings a desire for information and clarity. At this moment, the details are still being gathered and reviewed, which means the scope of our knowledge is constantly changing. To maintain the integrity of our review and provide the clearest information to you, we must wait to communicate in depth until this discovery phase is complete. That can understandably feel frustrating. Please know that transparency and honest communication are very important to me as your pastor. As information becomes clear and appropriate to share, we will continue to keep our parish family informed.

Right now, our financial records and processes are being carefully reviewed by experienced professionals working in partnership with the archdiocese. Mr. Erich Bangert, director of finance, real estate, insurance and risk management with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, will be with us to guide this process. While we were initially told the review could take six to eight weeks, it may take longer to complete thoroughly. What is important for you to know is that our parish finances are being responsibly overseen and are in capable hands.

During this time, every effort is being made to ensure that the resources entrusted to our parish are directed appropriately to support the life and mission of St. Roch, our parish, our school, and the many ministries that serve our community.

I want to emphasize something very important: the mission and ministry of St. Roch continues. Our Masses, sacraments, school, and parish ministries remain active and strong. The work of the Gospel in this community continues. An office or a process does not define the Church; it is defined by the faith of its people and the presence of Christ among us.

For many of us, St. Roch is more than a place where we attend Mass. It is a spiritual home. It is where we pray together, celebrate the sacraments, support one another, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. In times of uncertainty, it is our faith, unity, patience, and trust in the Lord that keep us steady.
The strength of St. Roch has always been its people, your faith, your generosity, and your commitment to this parish community. That strength remains unchanged.

Please continue to pray for our parish, for all those working through this process, and for one another. With faith and hope, we will continue moving forward together. St. Roch is strong, and our mission continues.

May God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Douglas Hunter
Pastor
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