

**St.. Pius X Church
3010 Chili Avenue
Rochester, New York 14624**

December 28, 2004

**Mr. John J. Kearns, Jr.
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Dear John,

It is almost a year since we concluded our Fund-raising Campaign for a Parish Center with the help of your company. In the Spring of 2005, we will begin the actual construction!


With your organizational help, and with the daily work on site here of your Associate, Mike Coffey, our parish achieved a success that almost seemed impossible at the time. I can recall only too well, the sad scandal of clergy abuse that clouded every message from our church at that time. Many wondered, "why" would they trust the church – the clergy – with significant financial support for the future. Would it be "used" to pay victims? That was a sadly honest question that we had to overcome. Yet, with your presence, ideas, professionalism, and personal service, we did convey a message that obtained support from over 700 parishioners! That is astounding in light of the fact that we have only about 850-900 users of envelopes!

We raised almost 1.4 million in pledges, which are being fulfilled! Although we did not reach our hoped-for goal of 2.3 million, the Fund Drive you led for us has left a very positive feeling in parishioners' minds and hearts. I can't tell you how deeply I appreciate that! And, as you told us, pledges continue to come! We continue to make use of your follow-up suggestions to expand our pledge base with new parish members, and with up-date gatherings planned for selected donors this Spring.

Lastly, I want to say thanks for sending us Mike Coffey as your daily representative. Mike is professional in every way, competent, patient, and always a very positive presence in our office with any parishioners who came on any parish business.

Many thanks, John, for the outstanding job you did for us, in a time of great anger within the church community over the abuse scandal which touched this parish in a direct way. I will always be grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,


**(Rev.) Daniel F. Holland
Pastor**