

Dear Parishioners of St. Anne,

Warm greetings to you in the Lord. On this Holy Thursday, I take a moment to write to you with a heart filled with gratitude and reflection. Over the past five years, it has been a true blessing and privilege to serve you as your Pastor and spiritual leader. I sincerely thank each one of you for your support, encouragement, and prayers during this time.

This year is especially meaningful for our parish as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of St. Anne Church, founded in 1956. We thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish community over these decades, and we remember with gratitude all those who have contributed to building and sustaining our faith community.

From the very beginning of my ministry here, I came with great zeal and enthusiasm to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. Throughout these years, I have tried my best to attend to both the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish. There have been many joyful and grace-filled moments, along with some challenges. In all circumstances, I have endeavored to treat everyone with fairness and equality, ensuring that no individual or group would dominate others, and that the integrity of our parish community is always respected.

In carrying out my responsibilities, I often worked without an associate, and for a period of six months, I also served as secretary while our parish secretary was unwell. In addition, I took on simple tasks such as grass cutting and snow clearing on the sidewalks to help reduce parish expenses. With God's grace, I was also able to secure more than \$100,000 through external grants, which greatly supported our parish maintenance and development.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Parish Finance Committee for their dedication, guidance, and responsible stewardship of our parish resources. Their support and cooperation have been invaluable in carrying out many of our initiatives.

Together, we have been able to accomplish several important projects for the benefit of our parish, including:

- Extension of the parking lot
- Installation of parking lot lighting and security cameras
- Construction of a curb around the church garden
- Upgrading of the church boiler system & Electrical Panel
- Installation of an on-demand hot water system in the rectory
- Upgrading of the fire alarm system
- Updating of the phone system
- Installation of a generator for the church and rectory
- New fence in the rectory backyard
- Replacement of the flat roof

All of these improvements were completed alongside our regular parish expenses. I am especially grateful for your support during the boiler system project, even though it was challenging for us to raise the full required funds.

I am also happy to share that work on the church windows will begin soon and is expected to be completed by the month of May. I hope you will be pleased to see the renewed and beautiful appearance of our church.

At the same time, there are several important matters that now require our attention. The outside altar wall of the church is currently covered with asbestos, and a small portion of the rectory also contains asbestos materials. These areas have begun to deteriorate in several places. In addition, the wall lacks proper vapor barrier and insulation. This situation calls for urgent attention, and we will need your generous support to safely replace the asbestos and complete the necessary improvements.

Furthermore, the two-rooftop furnace and air conditioning units, which serve as the main source of heating for the parish hall and provide cooling for the church during the summer months, now need to be replaced. This is another significant but necessary investment for the well-being and comfort of our parish community.

In addition, our parish sidewalks require attention. Many areas have become uneven over time, which leads to the formation of ice during the winter months. This creates hazardous conditions and poses a risk to the safety of our parishioners. Addressing this issue is important to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

In light of these needs, we will soon be launching a Capital Campaign under the guidance of the Diocese of Peterborough. I humbly ask for your prayerful support and generous participation in this important endeavor, which will help us address these pressing needs and continue to care for our parish for future generations.

I would also like to remind you that our parish hall is made available free of charge for funeral receptions when the funeral service takes place in our church. This is one small way we strive to support families during times of loss.

While our parish hall has not generated sufficient income to sustain itself, the parish has continued to maintain it with dedication and care.

As I look back, I remain deeply thankful for the opportunity to walk with you in faith, to share in your joys and struggles, and to serve this wonderful parish community. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as you will always remain in mine.

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly. HAPPY EASTER.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sany