



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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FISCAL YEAR END GRATITUDE LETTER

July 2, 2018

Dear Family of St Thomas More,

Our fiscal year ended on June 30, and as we begin a new year, there are reasons to give thanks.

First, thank you for your generous response to the May 1st **Urgent Financial Stewardship Appeal**. We needed \$186,844 to reach our stewardship budget goal for the year. You responded by donating \$198,105! Your generosity means that our parish ministry can be sustained and our facilities maintained. Thank you for your tremendous support this past year!

Second, thank you to **Don Jansen** for making himself available to serve as our next Treasurer Trustee. Don won the trustee election with your vote of confidence in him last weekend. Please keep Don in your prayers as he begins to assume this leadership role for us.

Third, thank you to **Kevin Van Straten** of VanStraten Construction Co. While doing sewer work on McDonald St. in May and June, and after attending mass at St Thomas More one weekend, he noticed we needed some sewer work in our parking lots. Kevin decided to make this donation of his service to our parish and he fixed our sunken sewers for free! Kevin, thank you for your generosity.

Fourth, thank you to **Maria Totzke**. Maria is an accountant by trade, but has a charism that adds beauty to the world. Maria has been organizing our outdoor landscaping for the past few years and has organized a team to care for our flower beds and trees. She has contributed her talents to the parish house recently, organizing some repairs and enhancements to the inside and out. It is ready now for Fr. Ed from the Philippines to occupy for the next couple months. Maria has also been working on our upcoming Fellowship Hall renovation, scheduled for July and August. Thank you Maria for all you do!

Fifth, thank you to **all our parish members** for your contributions of prayer, service, and financial sharing that really keep St Thomas More a spiritually vibrant place to be! Your openness and willingness to share the blessings God has given to you remains an inspiration to me. God bless you all!

We now begin a new fiscal year. There will be new opportunities for us to be generous this year. May we embrace these opportunities with the grace given to us by God. Thank you for all that you have done, and for all that you will do, in the coming year. May you have a blessed remains of your summer!

With gratitude,

Fr Jim Lucas