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Dear Parishioners, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

Nearly two years ago, we launched a capital campaign called *In Saecula Saeculorum • Forever and Ever*. This included a generous matching gift of \$2,000,000 to challenge each of you to join in this important initiative. At the time, my request was that every person in our parish, schools, and ministries participate in making this endeavor a success by making their own financial gift to the campaign. We communicated the progress of the campaign in multiple letters to all parishioners and parents, published updates in our weekly bulletin, posted signage in the church and chapel, updated our website regularly with our progress, hosted gatherings at the church, schools, and in the homes of our parishioners, and conducted one-on-one meetings with many of you. These efforts, together with your prayers and the blessings of Our Lord, resulted in a highly successful and timely outcome. We raised enough funds to be granted the matching gift and are on our way to upgrading our campus and facilities.

The fruits of the *Forever and Ever* campaign include work to the exterior chapel and the inside of our church, upgrades to our schools and social ministry facilities, scholarship funds for our students, a new prayer garden, new stations of the cross in the church, and work on our security and building infrastructure. A number of these projects are completed or are underway and others are in the planning stages. When we began this effort, I said that the vision of the campaign was far greater than a restoration of our campus and facilities. It is a reawakening to the call of Jesus Christ to renew our commitment to our obligation to evangelize and be missionaries of the Gospel - 'Forever and Ever'. Certainly, the lasting vitality of Saint Dominic Church is found in your spirit, faithfulness, and works of service.

The true meaning of Saint Dominic Church transcends each of us. A quote attributed to our patron saint, Saint Dominic, encapsulates the essence of this campaign and the spirit of our work: "I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." Indeed, if our lives are centered around works for the greater glory of God, we will have achieved the true meaning of Saint Dominic Church.

Our work to continue to enhance our programs and facilities is an ongoing process. We will continue to need your support, both financial and in prayer. I will continue to communicate with you about our progress and our needs. For the moment, please accept my deep and unbidding gratitude for the abundant gifts you have shared and continue to share with Saint Dominic Church. Of course, if you have not made a gift to the campaign, I invite you to do so now by contacting our Development Office.

With gratitude and blessings for a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Reverend Kevin M. Smith
Pastor