



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parishioner,

During the past couple years, we have discerned as a diocese that we desire to pursue opportunities that bring about healing, hope, and joy in the Lord. Our shepherd, Bishop Daniel Felton, quoted the Gospel of Luke in his recent pastoral letter: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us" (1:78). Bishop Daniel has expressed excitement about the coming days in our diocese. I echo his excitement. Though we have been through difficult days over the past few years, I also believe we are at a turning point where we will recognize the light of Christ more clearly.



As members of Christ's Church, we are called to cooperate in being the light of Christ. To aid our community in answering this call, I have initiated a capital campaign, ***Dreaming Beyond the Debt***. Funds raised will be applied to our estimated million-dollar mortgage balance and upcoming capital expenses. With our church building being now over twenty years old, I asked our buildings & grounds committee to compose a report in relation to anticipated maintenance expenses in our parish for the next five to ten years. In seeing this report, it is prudent to raise a million dollars to pay for most of these anticipated expenses. Between the mortgage and the capital expenses, I am hoping to raise two million dollars for our ***Dreaming Beyond the Debt*** campaign.

What is the dream? If we can get beyond our debt, we can more fully focus on our mission to bring our community the healing, hope, and joy of Jesus. We are currently paying ten thousand dollars a month toward our mortgage. Imagine if we had an extra \$120 thousand dollars a year in our operating budget. This financial blessing would empower us to expand our parish mission which includes: the ability to offer more robust youth mission scholarships so all families have access to wonderful opportunities for their children to encounter Christ; amplify our music ministry; offer regular retreat experiences for adults; discuss more formally the possible expansion of our Catholic School. These possibilities stir up excitement in my heart, realizing that people will come to know more fully the healing, hope, and joy in the Lord. The dawn from on high shall break upon us!

Please join me in praying for the success of our ***Dreaming Beyond the Debt campaign***. I invite you to prayerfully consider a generous contribution through your time, talent, and treasure. It is a joy for me to serve the Lord with you. I look forward to all that the Lord has in store for our community. May it all be for His glory and honor!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Blake Rozier