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Bob,

Thank you for all you have done for us over the past few months in reviving our weekly offering contributions.

The Church of Holy Apostles has just celebrated our 19th year as a family of compassionate people sharing God's love... where all are welcome. With over 2700 members in our parish family, we are a lively group with many aspirations for the future. Some that have been identified are murals in the curved arches of our new church, further outreach for families, a taxi van and parking for handicapped persons nearer to our new church building just to name a few. Obviously, each of these will require additional funding from the parish in order to be realized.

Our community, like everyone else right now, is suffering from the global recession, millions unemployed, falling home values and 50% losses in investments and retirement savings. These and the many other economic downturns of late had affected a weekly loss of \$4000.00 in our offerings.

As my advisors and I discussed your program, we were uncertain if, in today's economic environment, a letter program would be able to induce a response to the church's financial needs. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, **your letter campaign has recovered 66% of our weekly losses (\$136,868.00)**. We are happy with the success of your campaign and proud of the generosity of our parish.

My advisors, office staff, secretary and I all had reservations about using the services of another Stewardship company. We had worked with a company 6 years ago. **Their fee was 3-times your fee, they had no written guarantee, much of the work was left in our hands and on top of their fee we incurred even more expenses for printing.** Thankfully our experience with you was very different. We were quite surprised at how little we had to do for this campaign, how smoothly it went and that there were no unexpected costs.

Thanks again Bob and you may forward this letter as a reference if you should need one in the future. I pray that the Lord will bless your ministry of convenient services to churches like ours for many years to come.

With gratitude,

Father Bob Sherry
Pastor