## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Bob,

I sit here at my desk reflecting on the impact of our relationship with your company and I am profoundly grateful on many levels. As pastor of this growing faith community which is so vigorous in the work of the Lord it is gratifying for me to see the number of our parishioners who are taking ownership in their parish. For me, this is what stewardship is all about... sharing, giving back and extending Christ's mission here on earth.

I found it comforting that your Stewardship Renewal letters are scripture based, educating on the importance of attending Mass regularly, sharing your talents willingly with others and giving back to God His "First Fruits" from the substance not the chaff.

The many hats that I wear as pastor of this wonderful parish can be all-consuming at times. There are seldom enough hours in each day. I needed a vehicle through which I could communicate to our growing parish family our need to grow support of our church. However this vehicle needed to run on autopilot because neither my staff nor I had much time to give to the effort. To your credit, I don't believe our efforts comprised more than 8 or 10 hours of our time in total.

Your services were a Godsend. Your company communicated with great efficiency what you needed from us. Furthermore, as a result of phone communications and emails, I was always comfortable that the materials you were generating on my behalf were exactly as I wanted them to be.

Our parish responded enthusiastically to your letter program with a \$122,000 increase. This is quite an accomplishment because ours is a relatively small parish with a membership of just over 1200 and the majority of our parishioners are already very generous givers.

Thank you for completing this task for me with such success and professionalism. If you should need a reference in the future, I would be happy to speak with other pastors considering your services.

All of God's best to you and your staff,

Fr. Paul