



St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Mr. Robert Reagan
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Dear Bob,

Your approach to reach out to all of our parish family was exactly what I needed. Given the expenditures our small parish has made over recent years I was unsure if they would be responsive to an appeal for yet more support, but I was hopeful. I do not preach about money from the pulpit and decided that your gentle letter program was a great fit for us.

In my seven years as pastor of this 550 family parish we have paid off our long-standing debt of \$600,000.00. In addition, we have paid for new windows and air-conditioners. We also undertook several refurbishing projects including our carved glass windows, a mosaic wall, pews, sacred vessels, kneeling pads and much more.

Now that we are on solid ground I wanted to communicate to our members the importance of improving our weekly stewardship in order to build up funds for future needs so that we don't fall back into debt again.

It was a pleasant surprise when you reported the generous \$48,000 response from our parish family.

Thank you for the helpful services you provide. As I said before, it was exactly what I needed.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. Emil S. Payer
Pastor