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Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to sit back and write a seasonal meditation type of letter for you. After all we are already in the third Sunday of Advent which we call 'Gaudete' or Rejoice Sunday. We are closer to the great feast of the birth of the Savior of the world. So the church is asking for 'Rejoice!' Yet I feel like a wound-up toy ready to spin out. I guess it's really a part of the 'spirit' of the season. I should be smelling roses or spruce trees rather than running around.....maybe I'm like St Paul outrunning the race.

There are some very important items that I feel I need to share. First, we are close but we have not yet reached the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) goal this year. I urge that there is still time to do that. I know it's a sacrifice for many and I feel it too. But there is a need and the Lord has given us the means to share with others. While several families have responded to the Cardinal's request, many have yet to do so. We have until December 31 to do that, so please give it consideration.

The second point I want to make is about the response and involvement of so many in our liturgical needs as went back to our old schedule of Sunday masses. There is a good number of you to be mentioned and I would run out space to list everyone, but I want to thank you for for all you do. We are a generous community, and I am blessed to shepherd you.

Finally, another gentle reminder for you to please continue to pray for our parish, to pray for one another and if it's not too much to ask from you, to include me in your prayers. I pray also that your preparation for Christmas is rich in holiness and peace and we remember to 'Rejoice'!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*