

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

It has recently been brought to my attention once or twice (and for some, even more often) that my name has been used to solicit or ask for financial help. I want to reinforce to you that I would NEVER solicit that way and that this is a scam.

If the approach being used is through an email, please do not open it. Delete it immediately. Somebody once told me that if you respond to the email or respond to the text then the evil people that are doing this may be able to access information about you and will use your identity to perpetuate their fraud. If the approach used is through a text message, please do not respond to it. .=

It is truly sad that there are people out there who take advantage of the spirit of the season by committing fraud. It reminded me when I was taking a group of pilgrims in Rome. Our tour guide told us that while it is true we are in a holy city, not all who are there have good intentions and that we must be careful.

In much the same way, I would like to encourage you to please be careful. Not everyone 'celebrating' this Christmas has good intentions either. If someone sends you an email or a text message from a friend, a family member or someone that you know that he or she is stranded in a city or another country and in need of money, in all probability that is a scam or fraud. Please verify it first before you do anything.

I know I could write this message every other week because scams like this come up too frequently. So I will likely not address every scam using my name but again please know I will never solicit money in this manner.

I wish you all of a very happy and blessed Christmas! See you in church Sunday!

God bless you!

*Fr. Dwight*