

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

Annual Report FY2022

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Andrew the Apostle,

Once again it is time for our annual parish report, which covers the fiscal year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. It was an exciting year as we continued to emerge from the pandemic and gather together to serve God and neighbor strengthened by the sacraments, prayer, and God's grace.

This report includes a review of our activities throughout St. Andrew's during this fiscal year, including our social outreach, parish school, religious education, music ministry, and youth ministry programs. It shows the breadth of the good work that we do in God's name. It also includes our financial report for the year. Please look through to get a glimpse of how the Holy Spirit is working here at St. Andrew's, and perhaps to get inspiration for where He is calling you to generously offer your heart, your time, and your treasure.

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The Parish at a Glance:

In the summer of 2021, we moved the statue of St. Joseph to a prominent place in the sanctuary, opposite the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It beautified the sanctuary and honored St. Joseph in the year Pope Francis dedicated to him (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021). The statue of our patron, St. Andrew, now stands in the center of our main vestibule, so that all who pass through the main entrance are reminded that he is our spiritual guardian and intercessor.

We also made a few changes to our sacramental schedule during this time. First, all 8:45 AM Masses we moved to 9:00 AM. Also, our Thursday night Confession, Mass, and Holy Hour were moved to Wednesday night, which allowed us to add a mid-day Confession on Thursday. Our weekly schedule now has Confessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Finally, we added a 12:00 noon Mass on Monday and Federal Holidays. All have been well received and have allowed more people access to Mass and Confession, thanks be to God!

We continue to offer Eucharistic Adoration each weekday, a practice that started during COVID-19. While it is a tremendous blessing, we still struggle to fill the schedule, so I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider if they can sign up and commit to an hour a week to solidify our schedule and keep us from having to reduce it.

We lost a lot of people during the pandemic, when our average weekend Sunday Mass attendance fell from 1,398 in October of 2019 to 1,170 in October of 2021—a drop of 228 parishioners per weekend. We did our best to accommodate those who remained concerned about the virus by marking off some sections of the church for socially-distanced seating but plan to remove all evidence of distanced-seating by the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

We made quite a few repairs and improvements to the parish campus under the supervision of our Facilities Manager Joe Gott. We replaced the sidewalk in front of the school while also adding drainage at the school entrance. Water would form puddles there when it rained, and this improvement also eliminated the slip & fall hazard created when the runoff water would freeze. Electricity was run out to the fire pit for the groups that meet out there. A shed was built to add much needed storage.

PARISH STATISTICS:

- ◆ 1,523 registered households
- ◆ 5,408 parishioners
- ◆ Parish School enrollment increased by 8%
- ◆ 254 students enrolled in Religious Education
- ◆ 48 catechists
- ◆ 6 RCIA Candidates received into the church at the Easter Vigil in April 2022
- ◆ 64 altar servers; 6 graduating servers
- ◆ 38 members of Music Ministry (Contemporary & Traditional Choirs)
- ◆ 57 students Confirmed
- ◆ 29 Baptisms
- ◆ 46 students received First Holy Communion
- ◆ 4 Marriages
- ◆ 25 parish teens participated in Workcamp in Scranton, PA
- ◆ Achieved our Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) goal for the third consecutive year

Social Outreach:

We continued to provide assistance to those in need through the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) Food Pantry with weekly food & toiletry donations and the annual school backpack drive. We also increased our assistance to Catholic Charities' St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing Program with a gift card donation drive in October 2021 and a parish-wide "baby shower" in May 2022 (which also supported Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg).

Other organizations assisted throughout the year included the Lamb Center (a parish school-led donation drive for paper goods and toiletries during Lent), Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project, and Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Rice Bowl program. Our Parish Giving Tree continued with enthusiastic parishioner support benefitting groups such as The Don Bosco Center in Manassas, Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services, The Gabriel Project, and parish families in need. We offered online giving as well as options to provide tangible gifts (toys, clothing, household goods, etc.). The tree was cleared of "ornaments" in record time!

In FY 2021-22 we reached our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal for the third consecutive year! We also provided ongoing financial support and awareness of the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF), through regular bulletin ads and on our parish website's "Donate/Stewardship" page.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners we have been able to help many in our Diocese with basic needs:

- ◆ "40 Cans for Lent" 2,220 lbs. of food & \$570 donated (St. Lucy Project)
- ◆ CRS Rice Bowl \$1,231
- ◆ House of Mercy Lenten Cross yielded donations of \$650,363 lbs. of food, baby food, baby wipes, diapers, paper goods, gift cards (for gas and grocery stores) & spiritual acts of mercy (rosary, stations of the cross)
- ◆ Shampoo donations for Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Mobile Response Center (May 2022)
- ◆ 4,275 lbs. of food donated to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM)
- ◆ The Guardian Angel Fund was revived in December 2021 and \$21,950 in pledges and donations were received through FYE21, helping families meet the financial obligations of sending their children to our parish school
- ◆ "Coats & More Donation Drive" (January 2022)
- ◆ Our "Mass Transit" Ministry was formed in May 2022, a network of parish volunteers who are available to provide transportation assistance to people in our parish boundaries who are unable to drive themselves to Mass





Parish School:

In school year 2021-2022, 217 students were registered in preschool – 8th grade, an 8% increase from the 180 registered students in 2020-2021. Many of the new students to our school were transfers from local public schools. COVID restrictions on schools eased significantly in January 2022 following the inauguration of the new administration in the Commonwealth of Virginia, allowing faculty and staff to devote their time to education rather than pandemic management. Our school was fully in-person for 2021-2022, using distance learning only when the entire school was closed due to inclement weather.

This was the year for our Design for Excellence self-study, which is required every five years. This year-long process requires our faculty and staff to provide documentation and narratives to be considered for reaccreditation by the Virginia Catholic Educational Association (VCEA). The culmination of this effort was an on-site visit from a visiting team comprised of current and former educators in the Diocese of Arlington and from surrounding public school systems. The visiting team read our self-study and conducted in-person visits with faculty, Fr. Wagner, front office staff, the board of the school's Parent Teacher Organization, and classroom observations over a two day period. At the conclusion of their visit, St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School was given full accreditation through the Virginia Catholic Education Association. The new accreditation is valid for five years and mandates five years of goals previously determined in our self-study report, approximately 15-17 goals in total.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) began the year with a deficit due to curtailed fundraising events during 2020-2021. However fundraising greatly improved this year. Two major fundraisers are the fall 5K/10K/Fun Run and the Forks, Corks & Kegs event in late spring. These two events have a noted presence in our local community. The 5K/10K/Fun Run netted a profit of \$9,400 and Forks, Corks, and Kegs netted \$25,780. In addition, our spring Race for Education, primarily a school/extended family fundraiser, netted \$12,210. These efforts resulted in a year-end balance for the PTO of \$44,577 in fundraising proceeds.

In 2021-2022 the school benefited from federal funding through the Federal Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. These funds (approximately \$280,000 total) were used to purchase materials, professional development, and resources. The majority of funds were for technology upgrades. All classrooms received new Epson BriteBoards, three ChromeBook carts and approximately 100 new ChromeBooks were added to our Technology Center, and teachers were provided with laptops with connectivity to the Briteboards. Instructional coaching for reading was contracted for our Grade K-2 faculty and a firm was contracted to provide professional development to our faculty on how to address 'learning loss' as a result of the pandemic.

Goals for the coming year include increasing enrollment, implementing the goals identified in the Design for Excellence program, and continuing to teach the faith to our students, offering opportunities to live the faith through service.

Remarks prepared by:
Parish School Principal: Mary Baldwin

Religious Education:

St. Andrew the Apostle's Religious Education program had 254 students and 48 volunteers. 46 students made their First Holy Communion and First Penance and 57 students were confirmed by Bishop Burbidge. The Religious Education program uses *Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press as the primary text and *Virtues in Practice*, a program to teach children to grow in virtues and to see the virtues as concrete expressions of their Catholic faith. It is designed so the same virtue is studied each month and covers 27 virtues over a three-year cycle. These three years emphasize and are named for the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

In 2021-2022, the first year of the program, the focus was on the virtue of faith. In September the students learned about believing in God and all He has revealed. Students in grades K-2 studied St. Martha, students in grades 3-5 learned about St. Jerome, and students in grades 6-8 studied St. Augustine. In October we shifted to the virtue of reverence, showing your deepest respect for things of God. Students in K-2 learning about St. Hyacinth, grades 3-5 studied St. Tarcisius, and grades 8-8 explored the story of St. Margaret Clitherow.

Religious Education also hosted speaker events open to the entire parish. To coincide with our Corpus Christi celebration in June 2022, a talk was given by Steve Helmer and Lee Granger of CAINA, the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America on the topic of Eucharistic Miracles and more than 100 parishioners attended. Scheduling events after the Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass (to include a light dinner) appears to help to increase attendance for these types of engagements.

The Parish has several adult faith formation programs including an Apologetics series held monthly on Sunday afternoons, following the 12:30pm Mass and including a prepaid lunch option. Parishioners from nearby parishes (St. Leo the Great and St. Veronica) also attend. Last year's theme was Catholic Social Teaching. Discussions are usually led by Fr. Wagner or Fr. Smith, followed by time for Q&A and then concluding with the rosary. Typical attendance is about 20 per session.

Our Book Club meets monthly to discuss books by or about saints. 2021-22 began with *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul* by Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska and concluded with *A Man of the Beatitudes: Pier Giorgio Frassati* by Luciana Frassati. The book club has about 6 -10 regular members (has been as high as 15, depending on interest level in the book) and is \$10 -15 per session, solely to cover the cost of the book.

Religious Education's immediate goal is to increase the number of students attending classes, expand opportunities for high school students to continue their faith education, and attract more catechists in advance of each year. We would like to expand Adult Faith Formation activities and gain attendance at these events. We are hopeful for the return of Adult Bible Study, the present obstacle being the lack of a coordinator. We also plan to bring back popular children/family activities like the All Saints Day Party and Candle Making event that were suspended due to the pandemic, to engage families in activities outside of the classroom.

Remarks prepared by:
Director of Religious Education: Patty Laing

Financial Position: Income Statement

	Church	School	Parish
REVENUE SOURCES			
Offertory/Tuition Related Income	\$1,483,433	\$1,385,903	\$2,869,336
Ministry	\$131,417		\$131,417
School		\$286,540	\$286,540
Other Sources	\$452,142	\$150,353	\$602,495
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 2,066,992	\$ 1,822,796	\$ 3,889,788
EXPENDITURES			
Clergy	\$127,933		\$127,933
Staffing	\$480,323	\$1,400,225	\$1,880,548
Ministry	\$133,598		\$133,598
School	\$117,610	\$123,126	\$240,737
Buildings	\$326,381	\$206,148	\$532,529
Admin	\$218,281	\$81,233	\$299,514
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,404,126	\$ 1,810,732	\$ 3,214,858
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 662,866	\$ 12,064	\$ 674,930
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE			
Campaign/Extraordinary Income		\$192,930	\$192,930
Capital Expenditures/Renovations	\$91,923	\$192,930	\$284,853
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (91,923)	\$ -	\$ (91,923)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 570,943	\$ 12,064	\$ 583,007

Of Note:

- ◆ Our collection increased 7% over FYE21.
- ◆ 47% of registered households donated to the weekly offertory via envelope or Faith Direct (a decrease of 55% from FYE21). Of those households, the average weekly contribution increased from \$30.88 in FYE21 to \$36.05 for FYE22.
- ◆ Ministry Revenue includes donations for parish programs (outside of Sunday collections)
- ◆ New contracts - cleaning services, landscaping, HVAC

I am thankful to all of those who are so generous to the parish and we pray for those who continue to struggle financially.

Financial Position: Balance Sheet

	Church	School	Parish
ASSETS			
Operating Accounts	\$406,111		\$406,111
DIAL Savings	\$5,884,207	\$23,823	\$5,908,030
Fixed Assets			\$0
Endowment Investments			\$0
Other Assets	\$9,914	\$76,817	\$86,731
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,300,232	\$ 100,640	\$ 6,400,872
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$8,446	\$802	\$9,248
Loans Payable		\$11,000	\$11,000
Deferred Revenue	\$5,854	\$42,700	\$48,554
Other Liabilities	\$57,393	\$121,147	\$178,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 71,693	\$ 175,649	\$ 247,342
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions			
Unrestricted	\$5,265,027	(\$97,598)	\$5,167,429
With donor restrictions			
Temporarily Restricted	\$963,512	\$22,590	\$986,102
Permanently Restricted			\$0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 6,228,539	\$ (75,008)	\$ 6,153,531
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 6,300,232	\$ 100,641	\$ 6,400,873

Of Note:

- ◆ The DIAL account is the parish savings account
- ◆ Loans Payable consists of an interest-free loan from the Diocese for a security camera system for the parish school
- ◆ Restricted Net Assets includes the Building Fund, Extraordinary Dividends, Organ Maintenance Fund, the Rev. Jerome Fasano Scholarship Fund, Gym Feasibility Study and the Holy Family Chapel Fund

Music Ministry:

The parish's Peragallo Opus 762 pipe organ was dedicated to the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael in September 2021. Signage honoring each saint was placed on the three organ cases, together with the inscription Soli Deo Gloria ("To God alone be the glory") on the central Great division case, noting the year the organ was installed and the purpose of its installation. A Zimbelstern (mechanical rotating bells) stop was added to the central organ case in time for the dedication in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross.

The first of our St. Andrew Concert Series was held in early November featuring Ben LaPrairie, the Associate Director of Music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Concert Series welcomed noted Parisian organist Laurent Jochum in February and the trumpet organ duo of Chuck Seipp and Lisa Tyler in May. Based on the success of our initial Concert Series, a 2022-23 Concert Series season is being planned with two performances in the Fall and two planned for the Spring.

Following the retirement of long-time choir director and organist Bill Miller in February 2022, the Traditional Choir is now led by Mike Murphy, the Parish's Director of Music Ministries. Mike is an accomplished organist and choir director and has been a St. Andrew's parishioner for more than twenty years. Under Mike's leadership, the Traditional Choir held its first ever on-site retreat planning and visioning session in the Spring of 2022. The Traditional Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and Sunday morning before the 10:30 AM Mass. Each rehearsal ends with a prayer and new members are always welcomed.

The Traditional Choir has over twenty active members and sings at the 10:30 AM Novus Ordo Mass on Sundays. Eight cantors also assist at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturdays and the 12:30 PM Mass on Sundays. In addition to supporting regular Sunday liturgies from September through June, the Traditional Choir supported the parish's patronal feast day celebration, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week services, the Easter Vigil Mass, and the June Corpus Christi procession. For the upcoming year, members of the Traditional Choir will look for opportunities to participate in additional parish liturgies, including sung Evening Prayer, as well as continue to grow membership and take on new musical and liturgical challenges.

St. Andrew's Contemporary Choir began the year with sixteen faithful members including a director, pianist, two violinists, violist, flutist, clarinetist, guitarist and eight regular singers. The Contemporary Choir provides the music for the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass and rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings in the School Music Room. There was some attrition in our instrumentalists during the year when one violinist left for college and when our flutist (a high school senior) scaled back on her weekly commitment to the Contemporary Choir, but was gracious enough to provide music for the parish Children's Christmas Choir and Children's Easter Choir. As the year progressed, two singers joined the choir and a guest singer joined for Christmas and Easter. Several choir members have been with the choir for more than ten years and some even longer.

Music Ministry - continued:

The Children's Choir sings at the Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday Masses and rehearses for several weeks prior to each holy day. The Children's Choir includes a director, pianist, and violist from the Contemporary Choir and is open to parish children in grades two and above. The Christmas Children's Choir included thirty-six singers and a flutist. The Easter Children's Choir had fourteen singers and a flutist.

The parish made several facility improvements that have aided the choir, including the purchase a filing cabinet for proper storage of the choir's Christmas music. It is anticipated that the church's sound system will be dramatically improved in the upcoming year to provide enhanced beauty to the liturgy.

The Contemporary Choir and Children's Choir joined the Traditional Choir to provide music for Lessons and Carols and welcomes the opportunity to showcase the talents of all the choir members to our parish community in the future. We hope to continue to grow the Contemporary Choir with additional instrumentalists, especially a flutist, violinist, cellist, two guitarists, and additional singers.

Further integration of the Traditional, Contemporary, and school Children's Choirs is a particular objective of the Music Ministry for 2022-2023.

Remarks prepared by:

Director of Music Ministry: Mike Murphy

Director of Contemporary Choir & Children's Choirs: Patty Laing

Parish Ministries:

2021-2022 saw a return to in-person meetings and activities for most of the parish ministries.

- ◆ Walking with Purpose is a new ministry to St. Andrew's that began in Fall 2021 and continued with a second session in Spring 2022. This Catholic Bible Study for women offered two morning and two evening sessions weekly and was met with wonderful response.
- ◆ Our ministry to the homebound resumed in October 2021, to the welcome of our homebound parishioners and those serving in this ministry.
- ◆ Ministry began to Brightview Senior Living in Fairfax, a new nursing home/assisted living facility within our parish boundaries that opened in August 2020. Mass is offered once monthly, assisted by the Legion of Mary. We hope to expand our offerings to the residents in the coming year to include Sunday communion visits, but need volunteer assistance.
- ◆ Called by Name evolved into our parish hospitality/reception committee for select events and continues to be a group where parishioners can meet one another and be involved in parish life without a substantial time commitment.
- ◆ The youth-led Gardening Club formed last year continues to provide ongoing opportunities for all ages to come together in service to beautify our parish grounds.

Youth Ministry:

Youth Ministry for 2021-2022, was full of transition: a new Parochial Vicar, updated requirements for COVID, and a chance to rebuild the community after many adaptations of in-person events. This was also the final year for several high school seniors who were the youngest of their families—many of whom had welcomed our family to the parish when we arrived to St. Andrew's in 2010. Despite my personal desire to hit the ground running, we centered our year around a new theme, "Quiet. Be Still!" (Mark 4:39). The goal was to focus on prayer and contemplation. A lot had happened in our world (and church and families) and I challenged myself to integrate this new pace into every aspect of the program. It was more about pausing to ask where we were going, than pushing to return to things the way they were pre-pandemic. Much to my delight, many of the familiar gatherings were brought back onto the calendar. Weekly small group gatherings for high school youth group ("Monday Meetups"), larger Middle School Events, Parish Lenten Soup Suppers and even a more "normal" Workcamp2022 were some of the program highlights in 2021-22. We also found small ways to slow down, pray for each other and dig deeper into questions about how God is working in our lives. Surprisingly, I was the recipient of a Diocesan "Excellence in Ministry" award with my fellow Director-of-Youth-Ministry husband, particularly emphasizing the work we had done during the height of the COVID pandemic. Overall, it was a year of growth and discernment which brings much anticipation as we look to 2022-2023 as a community that is ready to "GO!" (Matthew 28:19).

Our program needs more adult volunteers - especially our Middle School Program (Grades 6 - 8). The plan for 2022-23 is to invite parents who have Middle School students who then age into our High School Program. For Workcamp 2023 (scheduled for June 25 - July 1, 2023 in Wrightsville, PA), our volunteer needs vary each year, depending on the number of student participants. The preference is for parents of teens who are active in High School Youth Group to volunteer, while matching the required ratio of male/female participants and having volunteers who are in full compliance with the Diocesan Office of Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP). After Workcamp2022, the current volunteer group is willing to return but it is something I prayerfully determine as we get closer to the summer of 2023.

Remarks prepared by:
Director of Youth Ministry: Bethany Rogers

Parish Events:

Activities at the parish began to return in full-force in 2021-2022. In addition to events mentioned previously, other highlights include:

- ◆ "Fatima and the Fall of Communism" presentation by Craig Turner (October 2021)
- ◆ Unbound Prayer Conference, led Neal Lozano (October 2021)
- ◆ Parish Lenten Mission (February 28—March 3, 2022)
- ◆ Inaugural season of the St. Andrew the Apostle Concert Series
- ◆ Synod Listening Session (March 2022)
- ◆ Eight Holy Hours
- ◆ Parish Spotlight in the Arlington Catholic Herald (June 2022)
- ◆ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (June 2022)
- ◆ St. Andrew's 40 Hours program (including our patronal Feast Day) in November 2021 was the first event to begin Year One of the Arlington Diocese 50th Anniversary Jubilee



School Mass



Confirmation - February 2022



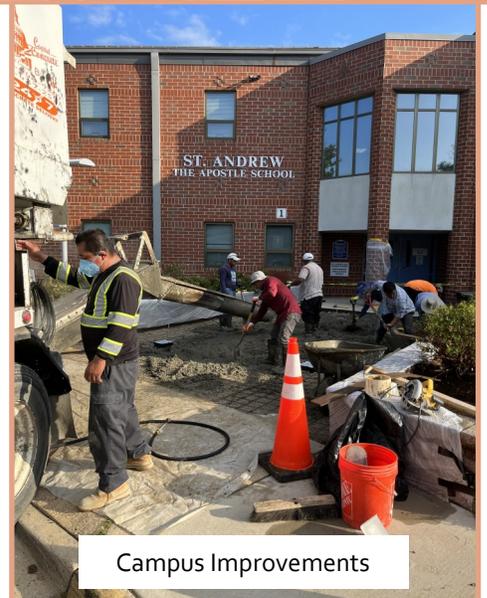
Walking with Purpose



Computer lab



March for Life 2022



Campus Improvements

Looking Forward:

In the coming year, we look to continue to build on our charitable, catechetical, and social activities in the parish. My desire is that we grow in faith together through worship and service and truly become a community of faith and not simply a place where one goes to Mass. This is only possible with the commitment of our staff and volunteers who organize these efforts, but I pray that more parishioners will take the time to strengthen and encourage each other in the faith by volunteering and joining our parish activities.

Our church and school buildings turn 30 years old in 2023. As the years pass, major repair and replacement projects become necessary. One is the metal roof. As everyone is aware, the church has had leaking problems for years, even decades, with water dripping in several locations in the church, vestibule, parish hall, and parish offices, all of which are under the metal roof. These leaks are getting worse in several places due to roof damage in many spots. We are going to replace the metal roof, which is well past its warranty. The second major project will be an update of the original HVAC system which now requires repairs at a rate that is not sustainable. An updated system would be more efficient and give us a greater capability to control the temperature and humidity. I am thankful to Joe Gott, our facilities manager, for his expertise and leadership in researching these and other facilities projects at the parish.

One of the responsibilities that comes with being a pastor is the operation and finances of a parish church and school. In the seminary, you do not think about this reality, and the danger is to separate the administrative work from the spiritual ministry. Yet in truth, Jesus Christ must be at the center of all that involves in the parish, just as he is must be at the center of all of our lives. Please continue to pray for me, our church and school staff, our Business Manager Suzi Mauk, and our finance council. May we be good stewards of the resources we have been given that we may build up the Kingdom of God here at St. Andrew's so that we may all grow in sanctity and walk the path of salvation together.

Sincerely in Christ,



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