



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

August 18, 2025

Aloha Sts. Peter and Paul Ohana,

We are pleased to share wonderful news about the progress of our capital campaign and the ongoing growth of our parish community. Thanks to your generosity and a special gift, we have achieved a significant milestone.

We wish to inform you that Sts. Peter and Paul has received a generous donation from the estate of Joseph Stanton Scott, Sr. In his instructions, Mr. Scott specified that his gift be used to make Sts. Peter and Paul "debt-free." We are pleased to share that, as a result, the remaining balance of \$2.76 million for the mortgage on our Emmaus Crossroads Center (Amana Street building) is no longer our responsibility.

This achievement would not be possible without Mr. Scott's thoughtful contribution, and we deeply appreciate his generosity.

Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen was aware of this gift before he left for his pilgrimage, and I know that he joins me in expressing gratitude for this remarkable act of kindness and goodwill that will help Sts. Peter and Paul for years to come.

We also want to extend a heartfelt mahalo to all of you – our parishioners and donors – whose generous donations to the campaign contributed directly to paying down the mortgages on both the Diocese and First Hawaiian Bank loans. Your support has been instrumental in reaching this milestone, and we are grateful for your ongoing commitment to our parish's future.

As we celebrate this achievement, we also want to remind everyone that our parish continues to face ongoing expenses related to the upkeep and maintenance of the building. While we are fortunate to have building tenants generating rental income, this alone will not fully cover the costs of maintenance, repairs, and necessary renovations. Your continued support is vital to ensuring that our parish is still a vibrant place of worship and community.

Thank you again for your generosity, faith, and dedication to Sts. Peter and Paul.

Blessings,

Rev. Arnold Ortiz

Interim Administrator