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Dear

With the grace of God and the peace of Christ, I am writing to you to let you know about the exciting opportunity for us to grow in grace at All Saints' and Christ the King in 2022.

I am overjoyed to let you know that Bishop Seage has approached me about the possibility of placing a full-time curate with us. We are one of several churches being offered this opportunity. In other words, we have the opportunity to have another priest to come and serve at All Saints' and Christ the King. Bishop Seage has us in mind because of All Saints' mutually rewarding history of hosting curates, most recently from 2012 to 2014. If we are able to support this curate, she would begin her ministry with us in June 2022, and could be with us the next two years. This is an extraordinary opportunity, but it's one that requires prayerful action now.

While the Diocese provides some monetary support, most of the cost of a curate is the responsibility of the hosting parish. If we're to live into this opportunity, the faithful community of All Saints' and Christ the King must be able to demonstrate by the end of this year that sufficient financial commitments—pledges—to the parish's 2022 operating fund are in place to meet this responsibility.

This opportunity arises, appropriately enough, just as our stewardship appeal for the 2022 operating fund of All Saints' and Christ the King is getting underway. Enclosed are materials that outline the facts concerning our operating fund needs for the coming year. Plainly stated, if we're to take advantage of the opportunity that's been presented, and to address the other needs mentioned in the enclosure, we must grow the operating fund by twenty percent. Here's how we can do that together:

- Parishioners who've pledged in 2021 are needed to renew their pledges for 2022 with increases that are as generous as possible.
- Parishioners who've given financially in 2021 but who haven't pledged are needed to continue their giving in 2022 at increased levels and in the form of pledges.
- Parishioners who've neither pledged nor given financially in 2021 are especially needed to pledge generously for 2022.

As the people of All Saints' and Christ the King have endured the pandemic together, the coming year promises to be a time of growth and renewal. In many ways, we have the opportunity to live into Christ's resurrection and experience how God is making everything new again. It's imperative to ready ourselves for that now, with all of us doing our part, and to open ourselves to growing in grace in the process.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Phillip Parker, Rector