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Our Mother of Consolation Parish

9 E. Chestnut Hill Ave ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19118

Established 1855



“Growing in mission.... to be the presence of Christ in our world”

Dear Friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of our lives: employment, schooling, family, finances, and parish life. We have experienced the worry for those who contracted Coronavirus and we have mourned for those who died and for the families. Our lives have been changed forever.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, our Parish has remained steadfast in our faith and works. We have come together virtually to celebrate Mass and to provide PREP for our young parishioners, as well as on-going adult faith formation on the issues of our day - racism, climate change, and the upcoming elections. Our newly hired Youth Minister has begun to recruit adult and teen leaders as we launch new teen & young adult initiatives. Responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we have donated tens of thousands of pounds of food to Face to Face in Germantown and the SSJ Neighborhood Center in Camden. Through Caring for Friends, our parishioners have provided thousands of prepared meals for those in need.

In July, the Parish Financial Council updated the Parish on the impact of COVID-19 on our Sunday Collection. Beginning March 8, 2020, the Council cited a drop from a weekly average of \$14,200 to \$11,500 per week, almost a 20% reduction, from which we have not recovered. In order that we maintain our mission and ministries, I am asking you to participate in a new initiative: ***The OMC Stewardship Restoration Appeal***.

The OMC Stewardship Restoration Appeal provides an opportunity to reflect on your personal blessings at a time when our Parish needs you most. For 165 years, OMC has been a place to worship, learn, serve, and grow in faith. We call on you, our faithful parishioners, to help us maintain and sustain our critical mission.

When you contribute to our Restoration Appeal, you are directly helping us meet the needs of our Parish community and you are securing the continuation of our ministries. OMC has given so much to all of us, and it is vital that we give back in a meaningful way.

I ask you to please join in supporting ***The OMC Stewardship Restoration Appeal***. Click [HERE](#) to make your contribution. Please consider donating appreciated assets or an IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Coming together as a Parish family, let us build upon the foundation that our ancestors in faith began in 1855, as we provide for our mission and ministry on behalf of generations to come.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Consolation, let us continue to pray for all those impacted by COVID-19.

In de Sales,

Fr. Bob



OMC Sunday Collection

Restoration Appeal

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