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Dear

I am writing to you as we are in the midst of coming out of this Global Pandemic. The “trauma” that has left its impact calls for a loving response that will heal our children and our children’s children.

I am writing to you to invite you to share your talents with my faith community – St. Peter Claver Catholic Community. We have a unique opportunity and I believe you would be a valuable addition to our efforts. I write knowing that, through me, you are part of our faith family.

We look forward to empowering all who are confirmed to know and understand the gifts we are given to heal others through the grace of the Body and Blood of Jesus. We have “Bible Study on Purpose” and want to unfold its meaning for our children. We have Jesus’ ambassador – our Pastor – as our servant leader. We invite you to join us as we grow together in faith and love.

We also want to reach all people of good will, regardless of any faith affiliation, who are searching for healing – both individually and as a community; this is our mission. We express it with “Harvest Talent Fest,” “Black History Month,” “Rite of Passage” and “Youth and Young Adult Retreat” – an event for each season. We offer healing programs, such as “Women Bridging Change” and “Men Bridging Change.” We invite you to join our celebrations of life and the power to heal.

We see each person as part of a matrix of relationships, a set of charisms (gifts for others) that become like a choir singing “You are important to me; I need you to survive!” We invite you to join us in solidarity with one another.

We are about to join four other parishes by becoming a Family of Parishes in Northwest Detroit. We worship on the Marygrove campus. Our offices are at our Parish House at the former Precious Blood Church on Grove St. Our community center is Loyola High School.

At our 10:00 a.m. Mass on November 28, we will celebrate the 16th Anniversary of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community, the day after our 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Talent Fest. I invite you to join me to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Without a vision people will perish (Hab. 2:1). Once you see and hear what we hope to do, you can decide if such a journey would enrich and empower your greatest nation – your imagination – for yourself, for those you love and for those to whom you are sent!

With hope and joy!