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“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love”.

I greet you with this prayer as we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday. I pray that all of us will be filled with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit once again this year. To be renewed and rejuvenated in our faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which we received first at our baptism, confirmed in the Spirit at our Confirmation, and renewed through the continuous reception of the sacraments.

Pentecost was the birthday of the Church and the beginning of the Mission of the Church. We are commissioned through our baptism to continue the mission of Christ in the world today, to carry out the saving work of Christ, just like the first Apostles. We know that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this mission. We do so by remembering that we are “part of one body with many parts, each part called to use its gifts for the betterment of the whole” (1 Cor 12:12). What a beautiful image Paul is giving us to describe who we are as a parish!

Last week, our parish had the elections to the pastoral council. Three new people are joining our leadership team replacing the three outgoing members who helped our parish to continue the mission. We welcome the new members and thank those who previously served our parish. Each one of you are contributing to this mission by different forms of service through the different kinds of spiritual gifts. I am so grateful for the many ways you are all living out this mission through our parish.

I am also very excited that we are inaugurating the Eucharistic Renewal Year from June 11th, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The whole church in the United States is dedicating this year to renew ourselves through the power of the Eucharist. I see this as an opportunity for our parish to become a revived and renewed community. Christ’s body and blood serve as fuel so that we might go out and live into our God-given callings with energy and spirit. We will have a whole year of programs to re-awaken our love of the Eucharist, the “source and summit” of our faith.

I entrust each of you and your families under the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Pray for me, too, that I may be a good shepherd to our parish family. May God Bless you and fill you with His Peace and Joy.

With loving regards and Prayers,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI
Pastor

P.S. We are sharing with you on the backside of this letter, the ministry of our Christian Women.

The Christian Women's Organization is a dedicated group pursuing in uniting all the women of the parish in religious, educational, social, and service activity. We also generously assist or pastor in spiritual and material undertakings of the Parish. We would like to invite you to join our organization. You will find an envelope included in this month's stewardship letter.

There are 2 types of members: Active and Inactive. The cost for both is \$5.00. All members, whether active or inactive, at the time of their passing, are provided with a mass in their honor. At their funeral mass, the living members gather to say the rosary before the funeral. At the end of the mass, we recognize our fellow member(s) in prayer and provide an honor guard candle procession as the deceased member(s) leave the church.

This membership also includes an opportunity to donate to the layette ministry. We ask for one dollar, but any amount can be donated. It helps the charities, who Milwaukee Archdiocese Council of Christian Women, choose to receive both infant and toddler items and monetary funds. This year the charities were: Women's Support Center of Milwaukee, Life Connection of Waukesha & Mukwonago, Alliance Women's Clinic of Racine & Kenosha, and Charias of Fond du Lac.

In closing, we thank you for reading this letter and deciding to be part of Mother of Perpetual Help Christian Women. You can return the envelope in the collection basket or parish office. If you need help or have any questions, please call our Co-Presidents Debbie Peterson at (414) 510-6084 or Colleen Weber at (262) 617-7759.