

November 19, 2022

My sisters and brothers of Church of the Holy Spirit,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This year is so symbolic in our life as a church family. It represents all of the blessings we received having been together through "thick and thin" for the last 21 years. It also is a manifestation of our Lord's mercy and grace that our church has become a haven, a Holy place not only to worship our awesome God but a joyful and sacred place for fellowship. Biblically, the number 21 carries a significant spiritual meaning. Though it represents a transitional period in the life He has given us, He will not forsake us but will continue to always provide us with protection, comfort, and patience as we follow the path He has prepared for us. The steadfast love of our Lord never ceases.

I pray that we continue to keep the faith and fulfill our covenant with God in Baptism as we participate in the life of the body of Christ through the giving of our time, our talent and our treasure. This is how we actively respond to God's gracious and generous heart. The more we offer ourselves, the more God is able to transform our offerings to build up His Kingdom.

Through our gifts and offerings blessed by God, we sustain and grow spiritually through worship, Christian Education, outreach/in-reach mission and ministries. We are also able to offer our facilities for spiritual growth and discipleship for others.

My dear church family, please be reminded that generosity is the fullest expression in the life of a steward, one who has been given a gift that must be used wisely for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 11, 2022 will be our Faith-filled Generosity in-gathering when we collectively offer and pray that God blesses this particular tangible action towards our generous intention of stewardship. Please plan on bringing your completed forms as enclosed on or before that particular Sunday.

Let us continue to do God's work in our community and beyond, brothers and sisters. This God-destined opportunity before us is priceless!

Thank you and God Bless!

Father Ray
The Rev. Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10)