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Dear St. John Henry Newman Parish Family,

As we near the move from the Season of Lent and prepare for Easter, I want to express my gratitude to you for your generous support of St. John Henry Newman Parish. We take seriously our duty to steward the resources you provide and uphold best practices in their management. However, you should know that serious questions have been raised about the administration of parish finances. We have therefore undertaken a review of parish finances and have asked Father Anderson to step away from his financial administrative duties while we do so. In addition, I have asked Father Wayne Watts, Pastor of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette to oversee the administration of parish finances until we complete that process. Father Anderson is fully cooperating with this decision and he retains his faculties as pastor allowing him to continue serving the pastoral needs of the parish during this time.

Please know that the examination of parish business systems will be thorough and we will communicate our findings and recommendations when available. Your trust means a great deal to me and I appreciate your patience as we undertake this review and work to remedy any possible deficiencies or lack of needed controls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago