

September 9, 2021

Dear Church and School Community,

God's abiding love is never-ending and shows its glory when a community is hurting, as we are, from the ravages of Covid and Hurricane Ida. The generosity of others has been shown in a myriad of ways, too many to count or account for, witnessing God's love for his hurting people.

St. Peter Church and School Community, you have touched lives by your generosity, revealing the love of God, for His people, and you have made a difference. Your outreach to our elderly, to our sick, to those living alone, to our families with damages to home and property and a variety of other ways concretely puts into action the words of our parish's mission statement: "*.....to be God's hands, heart, and mind and to provide for our community's spiritual and physical needs*".

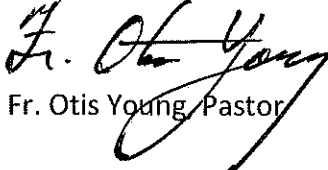
A special thanks to our healthcare workers, first responders and all who assisted at the school so the doors could be opened to the cafeteria to give respite from the heat for those with no electricity. Thanks to the restaurant owners who donated food to distribute and to the members of the St. Peter Parish Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving meals. Thanks to those who helped to open the doors to the church so people could enter our sacred worship space to pray, those who cleaned our church and school property, those who extended outreach to the clergy with food and to assist with other necessities. To all that helped in any way, big or small, my sincere appreciation.

We are very aware also that many of our brothers and sisters in our state are in great need. The damage has been devastating for some of our church parishes in our Archdiocese. The second collection this weekend will help those impacted by Hurricane Ida. Thank you, St. Peter Community, for your generosity.

Proverbs 11:25 reminds us: "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed". Lord, we pray that we will be filled with your love and refreshed from our fatigue and weariness as we generously reach out to others in need.

Be assured of my continued prayers.

God Bless,



Fr. Otis Young, Pastor