



# IMMACULATE HEART<sup>OF</sup> MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR JUNE 17, 2018

Dear friends in the Lord,

I am delighted to announce that Archbishop Gregory has approved our plan to construct a permanent rectory for Immaculate Heart of Mary on the property we acquired last year directly across Briarcliff Road. The 2-story structure will provide a bedroom, study and bath for each of the parish's two priests; two small guestrooms for seminarian interns and visiting clergy; and a modest common area (kitchen, living room and dining room) for priestly fraternity and the entertaining of guests. The plans are awaiting permitting from DeKalb County right now; my hope is that construction will begin very soon.

Moreover, the Archbishop and his consultants have such confidence in IHM's fiscal health that they are loaning us the funds for the project without a prior capital campaign, trusting that we will service this new debt, as we have been servicing our existing debt for church construction, from our increasing offertory income. That demonstrates tremendous confidence in us!

So that we might be worthy of that confidence, I remind you of three ways that you can help your parish remain fiscally strong: (1) The Archbishop's Annual Appeal; if you have not yet made a pledge to the 2018 Annual Appeal, please do so today at [www.appeal.archatl.com](http://www.appeal.archatl.com). (2) Electronic Giving, which allows your weekly or monthly parish offering to be debited automatically from your bank account or charged to a credit card, so that your gift to God through IHM comes through even when you are away. (3) Please consider an increase in your parish financial support; as I explained during last fall's stewardship renewal, it will require a small weekly or monthly increase from every household in order for us to bring the rectory project to a successful completion.

Last month I completed my third year at IHM, and I continue to thank God for the opportunity to serve such a diverse, generous and faithful parish family.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,