

OUR Lady of perpetual help catholic church

February 12, 2016

Beloved Parishioners of OLPH,

I once again take this opportunity to revisit our collective responsibility toward the Church's ongoing mission of Evangelization. Remember, the place where your children first learn to know, love and serve God and neighbor was and is in their home, the domestic church. Then, their knowledge and love of God and neighbor is cultivated and nourished in our local parish community which we affectionately call OLPH Church and School. This is the environment in which our children, and in fact all of us, grow in our identity as followers of Jesus Christ. Throughout history, the most effective means of communicating the Gospel has always been action. Hence, the words of Jesus: "There is no greater Love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

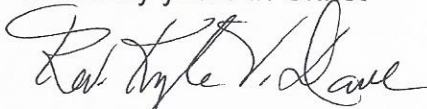
Again, our responsibility to know and love God and one another is devoid of meaning if there is no sense of self-sacrifice. By sacrifice I mean sharing our time, talent and treasure with those whom we are called to love and serve. Very often, the responsibility of stewardship is simply reduced to Time, Talent and Treasure. However, in order for time, talent and treasure to produce "True and Lasting Fruitfulness" they must be watered by the sweet dew of Prayer, which is always inspired by the Holy Spirit praying in us. According to the Late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, "***The essence of prayer is not the effort to make God give us something. Prayer, then, is not just informing God of our needs, for God already knows them. Rather, the purpose of prayer is to give God the opportunity to bestow the gifts He will give us when we are ready to accept them.***"

God can never be outdone in generosity. The fact of the matter is, at present, I have 200 little souls in our school to care for. And we need your prayers as well as your generosity.

Therefore, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the "in-parish" tuition discount available to all those who contribute a minimum of \$500.00 to our church by December 15, 2016. Unfortunately, there is **no exception** to the December 15, 2016 date. The benefit to you, in addition to supporting our church, is that a contribution to the church is tax-deductible versus contribution to school tuition which is not tax-deductible. The benefit to our school is a donation by our church to our school for **each** child of a supporting family.

I want to thank you and affirm you in your on-going efforts to be the best lifelong disciples of Jesus that you can be.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Rev. Kyle V. Dave
Pastor

