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Very Rev. Ken James Stavrevsky, Rector  
Parish Council Members and Parishioners  
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855 South Goodman Street  
Rochester, New York 14620

Dear Father Ken James and Beloved Faithful:  
Christ is in our midst!

It is with profound gratitude that I express to you my sincerest appreciation for your most generous donation of Two Hundred, Fourteen Dollars and fifty cents (\$214.50) to the **2011 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Fund**, with special designation of your offering **to assist parishes that are struggling financially, to help them properly provide for their priests with salary subsidy.**

Your incredible gift helps to make possible a brighter future for our Church! What an investment you have made! You have listened carefully to the teaching of Our Lord in the Gospel and you have followed His command: **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal."** (Matthew 6:19-20).

While your dividends for this investment will not be in dollars and cents, they will instead be in this form: You will have clergy and faithful you have helped praying for you always in return for your great kindness to them now in their daily prayers and in the future as our Church Vision for them is fulfilled.

As our gracious God has blessed you richly, you have chosen to share your blessings for the building up of Christ's Holy Church and for the extension of His Heavenly Kingdom here on earth. Indeed, He has seen your faith and love in action, and He will surely reward you for it with His grace and bounties and love for mankind.

Once again I thank you for your generosity as **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors**. Be assured of my remembrance of you in every Liturgy I serve as a pledge of the good things to come from God's hands.

With my prayers, my blessings and my love,

*+ Michael*

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Bishop of New York and the  
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