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Dear Friends,

Monsignor Martin Lynch, our founding pastor, was a caring shepherd and a master builder. Monsignor Lynch truly loved his flock and was always there for his people. The stories are many of how this fine priest lived very simply, wearing his tattered cassock, and driving his very old car, and helping those in need. I understand that he demanded much from his people, because he demanded much from himself. Although he is remembered for many things, we are most grateful for the campus of buildings he had constructed for worship and education.

The original school was built in 1937, while the new school, convent, rectory, church, and parish & school hall were completed between 1952-56. Overall the buildings are in very good condition. New roofs have been put on several of the buildings, and we have kept up with general repairs, but major repairs have not been needed. Until now.

Our Parish Hall has needed a new roof for the past three years. The floor is in terrible condition, while the walls have not seen a coat of paint in nearly 25 years. The lighting and sound systems need to be upgraded as well. Yes, my friends, our Parish Hall needs to be renovated. As we celebrate our 90th Anniversary this year, I decided it was time to give our Parish Hall a major upgrade. Once completed it will be dedicated as: The Monsignor Lynch Parish Hall.

Working with JJWhite, Inc., a mechanical engineering firm, we have divided the project into the following primary components with the attached estimated costs per component. They are:

New roof:	\$ 45,650
New floor:	110,740
Lighting Upgrade:	17,738
Sound System Upgrade:	8,227
Paint:	20,000
Windows:	75,000
Bathrooms:	<u>42,000</u>
Total Cost:	\$ 319,355

This is a costly undertaking, but I am confident that it can be completed. To date, we have already collected nearly \$50,000. This is a good start, but now I need your assistance. I am asking you to consider a one time donation of \$100 toward the completion of this project. Of course any amount will be appreciated, and a greater gift will be even more appreciated. Our students use the Hall every day for breakfast, lunch, gym and many special activities. Your donation will make a difference in their lives today and ensure the benefits for future generations. [Click here](#) to donate online, or mail your donation to Holy Innocents Rectory. Thank you in advance for considering a donation toward the renovation of our Hall.

I am optimistic that the majority of our renovation will be completed by the end of the summer, so that Archbishop Chaput will be able to dedicate our Parish Hall to our first pastor when he comes on October 22 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Holy Innocents. And with your assistance, I am confident that will take place.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Thomas M. Higgins
Pastor