



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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Dear Parishioners:

It is good to communicate to you once again. Attached you will find two different letters.

The first is from Mr. William Davis, who serves as the Director of Finance for the Diocese of Columbus. At my direction Mr. Davis engaged the services of an outside auditing firm as the result of actions undertaken by Fr. Daniel Millisor which led to his being sent for counseling and related services. The findings of the auditor's report were shared with me, and with Msgr. John Cody, Administrator *pro tem*, Mrs. Theresa Bayes, finance manager, and Mrs. Amy Woloshan and Chairwoman of your Finance Council. A summary of those findings is attached for your information in a letter from Mr. Davis. I am grateful to those who confronted Father Millisor before his addiction became a much more serious problem and to Father Millisor for seeking the help he needed.

Fr. Millisor has informed me of his desire to step down as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish; I have accepted his resignation. Fr. Millisor wanted to reach out to all of you in a letter, which is also attached. All of us have been praying for the health and well-being of Fr. Millisor, and will continue to do so as he moves on to continued counseling and some form of future ministry in the Diocese.

Today is the Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia. Most are not familiar with her, but I think it is important to remember that despite her life-long and terrible malady her patience, cheerfulness, and union with God in prayer never failed. As we begin to open up our parish churches, let us look to the saints who desired simply to imitate Christ in thought, word and deed. We also can do this by having a renewed sense of caring for the needs of others in our parish community – our “second home” if you will – continuing to look out for the health and well-being of others by imitating Christ who came to serve, not to be served. And as we approach Memorial Day, let us remember to give honor to and pray for our service men and women who paid the ultimate price in service to our country, and for their family members and friends.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus



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Msgr. John Cody, Administrator Pro-tem
Members of the Finance Council
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
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In an effort to bring closure to the question of financial improprieties that may have occurred last Fall, the Diocese of Columbus engaged Schneider Downs, our Public Accounting firm, to conduct a cash receipts review of the collection and deposit processes and controls of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. In addition, we requested that they assess potential points of access to cash that Fr. Millisor may have had and any risk exposure related to theft of cash. This review was performed in February 2020.

The conclusion reached was that based on the procedures performed, it appears that an appropriate level of control is in place for the vast majority of the cash funding sources reviewed. In addition, it appears there were minimal points of access to cash for Fr. Millisor, given the control processes in place for the various funding sources and therefore we did not observe any significant risk exposures of theft of cash.

I hope that this will give you and your parishioners a sense of comfort over these matters. I want to thank the members of the staff who were so helpful as Schneider Downs conducted their review. You have an excellent staff in place and they have implemented very strong controls. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at wsdavis@columbuscatholic.org.

God's Peace,

William S. Davis
Finance Director

Dear OLPH Community,

I am grateful for the prayers of so many, and for Bishop Brennan's support in allowing me this time for counseling and treatment to address my addiction to gambling. Like any person seeking recovery from the disease of addiction, whether to a substance (like alcohol, opioids, or heroin) or to a behavior (like gambling, pornography, or overeating), I have had to embrace the truth that I am powerless over my addictive behavior, my gambling compulsion, and that complete surrender to God is the sure and only path in recovery.

I deeply regret that my behavior has caused hurt, anger, confusion and scandal to you, the staff and parishioners of OLPH parish, to my family and friends, and to my diocesan colleagues in ministry. Please accept my sincere apologies for being the cause of such upset, for my offensive actions, and for neglecting my responsibilities as a pastor, a leader, an example, and a friend. I am especially regretful that I failed the parish staff and leadership team. I know that to say the words, "I am sorry," can be cheap, without the follow-through of atonement and genuine efforts for change. I hope that my resolve and remorse will be evident in my future actions.

Facing the consequences of one's addictive behavior is part of the 12 step recovery process. After consultation with the bishop and my treatment team, I have accepted that returning to OLPH as pastor is not an option for me. I have a great love for this parish family, for all of you, and I will carry you with me in love and prayer in the years ahead. I am certain that Bishop Brennan will send you a pastor whom you will embrace and love with even more passion than the many ways with which you blessed me, and who will lead and shepherd with vision, integrity and great care.

I await the completion of my treatment here at Saint John Vianney Center, and its continuation when I return to Columbus and accept whatever assignment is open to me. Participating in ongoing treatment for the disease of addiction is my strong commitment for the future.

If you are so inclined, please think of me kindly and remember me in your prayers. I hope to be able to express my gratitude and farewell in person at some time in the future.

Love,
Fr. Dan