



THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

22 February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

My dear friends in the Diocese,

I write this letter today as we begin our Lenten journey, with my heart full of joy for your support of our efforts to always keep our main sanctuary and side chapels beautiful and clean – as befitting our Lord Jesus Christ and Our Lady. Because of your financial help, we are able to defray cost for the purchase of flowers and decorations that make our liturgical events and gatherings at our Mother Church here in Oakland – the Cathedral of Christ the Light – more solemn and welcoming.

The last time I called for this very specific campaign towards the Flower Fund, I was hoping to engage at least fifty (50) friends who will donate \$300 each, but I recognize that not all can give this amount, and some can even donate more! So to be more inclusive, I am not setting any other parameters, except to let you know that our goal is to earmark a minimum of \$15,000 that will take care of our floral arrangements and environment needs for all major liturgies, solemnities and feasts, especially Easter and Christmas this year.

Kindly scan the QR code below to donate now. You may also visit or call the Cathedral Parish Office.

I am ever thankful to you for your support and prayers. May our Lenten journey be truly fruitful and faithful!

Peace and blessings,

Very Reverend Erick Villa

Rector

