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Dear Fellow Holy Family Parishioners,

This year has been unusual for all of us having to deal with the unprecedented COVID-19 virus. It is during these times when we as Roman Catholics rely on our faith and our church community to give us hope and support. You may have family or friends who have been directly affected medically by the virus or financially lost income, and if that is the case it is important to draw on our faith to stay strong.

Years ago, when my wife and I relocated to Texas due to a job transfer from New York, we knew no one and looked for friends who would become our "Texas family". We were blessed to move to Irving and find our spiritual home at Holy Family of Nazareth. When our daughter turned three, we enrolled her at the Holy Family School and met other young parents who had the same values as we did. These families have become life-long friends with whom we have celebrated baptisms, first communions, confirmations and recently weddings.

Through the years we have become more involved in ministries. Initially we attended events and looked to the social aspects of the parish, but as time progressed, we volunteered to assist in areas where we saw a need. The more we volunteered in different areas, the better we understood the scope of what is involved in running the parish. My wife Debra and I started by teaching religious education and guiding engaged couples through marriage preparation. I have also served on numerous committees including the School Council, the Parish Council and the Finance Committee. Since the inception of Saint Vincent de Paul, I've learned first-hand that the service our parish provides expands far beyond our Catholic parishioners to the struggling and poor in all of Irving.

My involvement in these ministries has opened my eyes to see not just the time and talent needed, but, just as important, the breadth of financial obligations involved in running Holy Family of Nazareth parish to serve all the needs of its members. God calls each of us to live out our mission and serve him to the best of our ability.

Father Albert, along with Father Peter and the entire church and school staff, works tirelessly to provide spiritual guidance and direction to our parish. So, it is for this reason that I write to ask each of you to support Holy Family and do your part as members of this parish to contribute as you're able. As my wife and I have seen the increased need, we have personally stretched to increase our giving. We know God blesses us for our sacrifices and believe the more we give the more we reap.

You may be personally suffering during this pandemic and if that is the case then Holy Family is here for you. The parish website www.holyfamilychurch.net will direct you to the extensive resources and ministries available. If you have not accessed the site, I urge you to do so. If you are able to step up and help with your time, talent, prayers and increased dollar donations, know that your effort will be recognized and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for being a part of OUR parish, thank you for contributing to making Holy Family a special community and thank you for understanding the need to offer your resources during these unusual times.

Sincerely,
Kevin and Debra Kendrew