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Dear St. Leo Parish members,

Several neighboring parishes are having their annual bazaars. Following up on last year's decision to simply have a special annual contribution without a bazaar, we were very successful, surpassing our goal of \$10,000. The effort drew in a total of \$11,450 with \$4,000 of that placed into our savings for future needs. \$7,450 was added to our regular income for parish utilities and maintenance needs.

We currently have 218 households registered at St. Leo's, with about a dozen of those in a nursing home or on a very limited income. This gives us around 206 households to contribute to the Non-Event Event.

We are again asking for a simple one-time donation of \$50 or more from each household. We ask for the minimum of \$50 so that we can at least attain the \$10,000 we anticipate needing. This is in addition to our regular collections. A good way to think about it would go like this:

- Instead of spending \$30 on raffle tickets and another \$40 on meal tickets, here's a cash donation.
- Instead of baking a couple cakes for the cake walk and making desserts, here's a cash donation.
- Instead of taking time to work, set up, serve and take down for a meal and a bazaar, here's a cash donation.
- Instead of giving a roll of quarters to your kids or grandkids to win items, here's a cash donation.

If the cost of hosting a bazaar and all the time spent making it happen is taken into account, this collection will take care of the need for additional income without asking more of already busy families and individuals. I am personally grateful for your generous response last year. I pray that we can surpass what we did last year and continue rebuilding our savings for future needs.

Please consider what you can give in this effort. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Joe Forcelle, pastor