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Announcing the annual Non-Event Event, replacing annual dinner & bazaar.

Dear St. Leo Parish members,

This past year we have been able to accomplish much due to the generous donations of you, our members, and the Hoch Family Foundation and the Seaman Family Foundation of Denver, CO. Not only was the Prayer Garden finished and dedicated by Bishop Paul Swain, but we also upgraded our church sound system and changed our lighting in the church to all LED, saving us hundreds of dollars in just the first month. This included re-installing the original chandeliers. The improvements made in climate control systems and insulation for our facilities has greatly reduced our energy consumption and costs.

With advice and guidance from the Parish Council, we are already evaluating future projects and trying to plan for them. An immediate need is to replace the guttering around the Fr. Cronin Center and to cover the wooden soffits with aluminum or vinyl. This will prevent future damage to the roof and greatly reduce future maintenance. Another project is an extension of the Prayer Garden. The FFA students are designing a Rosary Walk for the orchard northwest of the church and rectory. We will use some materials recycled from the old deck area and make this a great space for meditation and reflection.

This annual Non-Event Event generates much of the funding for such projects so we don't need to dip into savings or cut back on regular parish programs and operations to do them. Last year's appeal brought in \$12,350.00. As before, we ask each family or household to donate **\$50.00** to this effort. If each of us does our part, this will generate around \$10,000.00 again this year. Most of the funds will be kept in our local regular savings account, with some being sent to Sioux Falls to grow our account with the diocese for future needs.

Please consider what you can give in this effort. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kind gift.

Sincerely in Christ,



Father Joe Forcelle, pastor