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Dear Friend in Christ,

I come to you again this year and express my profound gratitude for the support you have given to our previous Annual Ministry Appeals (AMA). Your generosity to **our only annual parish appeal** has been an extraordinary gift to our community. Year after year we are finding more and more parishioners contributing to this important appeal.

This is the fourth year of an ongoing campaign to address one of our more pressing needs here at Carmel Mission. We have more than 25 individual ministries serving our parishioners. Virtually all of them use Crespi Parish Hall in one way or another. Prior years' AMA donations have helped get us started but there is still more work to be done. The work required to update the kitchen to make it safe and more functional was more extensive than originally expected. We are also planning to convert some old storage areas in Crespi Parish Hall into more useful office space.

“Your Gift Brings Life to Our Church, Love to our Family, and Light to our Future”, the theme of this year’s annual appeal, is a wonderful description of our Carmel Mission Community. We not only support our own parish church and members, but we are also part of a larger church which furthers that theme. We are asked by Bishop Garcia to support those diocesan-wide ministries which ensure that our precious faith will continue to be taught and experienced throughout the diocese. This is the only annual appeal at our parish and is vital to the growth and maintenance of our faith community. Every dollar (100%) of our \$50,000 assessment this year will go to diocesan ministries. All contributions made above this amount will come directly back to our Carmel Mission Parish.

Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000. That will provide Carmel Mission with an additional \$50,000 above our commitment to the diocesan requirements. This additional amount, combined with prior years’ donations, should help us continue the remaining work required for Crespi Parish Hall.

I am asking each one of our parishioner families to make some contribution to this important effort. Your gift can be a one-time donation or paid over eight months. Details are provided in the enclosed envelope. Donations can also be made online at www.carmelmission.org. – please hit the Donate tab. Working together, we can help inspire all of our parishioners, including our children and young adults, to live as Christians and help heal the world of injustice, hatred, and suffering. I thank you for your exceptional generosity and selfless support to help bring life to our faith, love to our family, and light to our future.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul P. Murphy

Pastor