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Dear Parishioner,

Praised be Jesus Christ: Our Holy Redeemer! Just about two months ago, on 25 November 2018, Catholics around the world celebrated the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Every year that Solemnity coincides with the last Sunday in Ordinary Time; the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. As such, it provides all of us, Priest and layperson alike, with an opportunity to make “new year’s resolutions” and to (re)commit ourselves to the Way of life that bears witness to the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over our thoughts, words, deeds, and desires.

Here at Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport, the *Christ the King* celebration also marked the beginning of our 115th Anniversary Stewardship Appeal as **one family in mission**. If you are participating in that campaign (*One Small Step for a Parishioner, One Giant Leap for a Parish* (God rest Neil Armstrong) designed as it is to help our Parish better provide for the needs of those who call Our Holy Redeemer *home*: thank you! Your “small step” is helping the Parish to take the “giant leap” that benefits all of us!

The small steps that established Our Holy Redeemer Parish in 1903 and the small steps that built our “absolutely beautiful church” in 1911, have not only allowed the Parish to take giant leaps for parishioners, but they have also helped the Parish reach out beyond our borders! And over the past forty years, that outreach has been accomplished primarily through our diocesan annual appeal, known today as the *Catholic Ministries Appeal* (CMA).

The *Catholic Ministries Appeal* is an ideal way to share the blessings we have received from God with others right here on Long Island. It supports labours that amongst other things, help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, care for the elderly, teach children, and educate seminarians. And, because our CMA-steps last year exceeded our goal (**for the tenth consecutive year!**) we received a rebate from the Diocese of more than \$18,000 to use for our own local needs! Thank you!!!

Please consider joining me in answering this year’s *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. No matter what its size, your small step will help the Church on Long Island take a giant leap in the footsteps of Christ that through you, with you, and in you continues to make present the Kingdom of God!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Father Douglas R. Arcoleo
Pastor

WHERE COMING HOME IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!