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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Tim, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, and as Chair of Finance Council, I am writing to ask for your help in addressing our parish's 2023 projected deficit. We want to provide you an opportunity to play an important role in assisting us in balancing the 2023 budget. You are an important and valued member of the Blessed Sacrament parish family, and as such I am reaching out with an urgent request.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has been a pillar of the Catholic faith in Ottawa for over 110 years. Founded in 1913, it provides faithful parishioners with important daily spiritual guidance and nourishment that is so vital in today's times of uncertainty. We recently completed several significant infrastructure projects followed by the restoration of the church's interior. This work was financed by specifically designated funds.

As was presented at the June Annual General Meeting, the parish's financial situation has drastically deteriorated. The *'rainy day account'* has since been fully used. Between 2019 and 2022 total annual donations from weekly Mass have *dropped by about \$60,000* while inflation has recently increased operating expenses. As you can appreciate, this is a dramatic development.

We all want to see our parish flourish. We all want to see our children being baptized and confirmed, our young couples getting married, and ourselves able to attend daily Mass, Adoration, vespers, and monthly devotions, and most importantly to grow in Christ together as one parish family.

Fr. Tim and I are asking you as a member of the parish family to make an *extraordinary and significant donation within the next couple of weeks* to raise the urgently needed *\$60,000*. Tax deductible donations can be made in any of the following ways:

- (a) sending an e-transfer to account@blessedsacrament.ca (*2023 Campaign*);
- (b) drop off your donation at the Parish Office (cheques may be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish, memo: *2023 Campaign*;

(c) placing your donation in the collection basket using a visitor envelope found in your pew (ensure your name and *2023 Campaign* are written on the envelope);

Difficult times call for courageous action. We prayerfully ask you to make a *significant and generous gesture of support* in the form of a one-time gift. With each of us contributing, Blessed Sacrament Parish will continue to be a beacon of God's light within the wider community.

Thank you and May God bless you and your family,

Paul Giacomini

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Chair Finance Council