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Reverend Francisco Mendonca
Our Lady of Peace Parish
111 South Street
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Dear Father Mendonca,

I write to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the faithful of Our Lady of Peace Parish for successfully reaching your parish goal for the 2026 Annual Appeal. The sacrifice from your parishioners is a wonderful testament to the faith among your parish family. Everyone's collective generosity enables our Archdiocesan ministries to remain vibrant and helps bring Christ to those that need Him and seek Him.

Through your leadership and the support of your parishioners, Our Lady of Peace Parish has met its goal and has also qualified for a 2% rate reduction in the parish's assessment rate for the coming year. I hope and pray that the adjusted assessment rate results in savings that can be used for other areas of need at the parish.

Please know how grateful I am for your unwavering support and the commitment you inspire within your parish community. Please share this great news with your parishioners so that they know their efforts support the vital ministries funded through the Annual Appeal and that the parish received a benefit also. Thank you for providing the resources necessary to ensure that the Church's mission continues to flourish and bear fruit throughout our Archdiocese.

May God continue to bless you in your priestly ministry, and may He reward you and your parishioners abundantly for your faithfulness and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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