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Dear Parishioners:

I join Monsignor Manuel Simas and your parish leaders in asking you to participate in the "Celebrating Our Past, Our Gift to the Future" Campaign. I appreciate the careful thought and planning that has been exercised in these recent times.

It is not the opportunity of every generation to provide facilities for the future. On the other hand, all of us are well aware that we inherit the generosity and contribution of those who have gone before us.

I want to both commend and congratulate you for the work that you have done. Your generous and sacrificial response will be beneficial as we strive to meet the religious, spiritual and human needs of those whom God has called us to serve.

In thanking you, I wish to assure you of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

John S. Cummins
Bishop of Oakland