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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

With the Solemnity of Christ the King rapidly approaching, our annual “Christ the King Collection” is to be taken up this year on the weekend of November 23, 2014.

Initiated in 1987 by Bishop Edward Troy, this collection is in support of our Priests Pension Plan and the education of our future priests.

The cost of maintaining a solvent pension fund for our priests continues to be one of the major challenges which we have to face as a diocese. And we have to provide for the formation of our future priests. Although we have no seminarians this year, we need to grow the fund for the next few years when I expect we will have a few seminarians. We need your support to train our seminarians which costs \$25,000 per candidate per year.

On Sunday, November 23, I am asking that this collection be taken up in every parish and mission church in our diocese. Your generosity will be a way of saying “thank you” to the priests as well as “thank you” to those who will respond to the call and prepare to serve you as priests in the coming years. Your contribution, large or small, is eligible for an income tax receipt.

I am grateful for your understanding and grateful for your help. God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,

+ Robert Harris

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