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State of Parish Update

We wanted to provide you a quick progress update on improvements to our parish governance and bookkeeping. Recognizing that one of the big questions that came up was "how can we prevent this from happening again?" There was also a lot of concern about engaging independent oversight of our bookkeeping. Recognizing that concerns, and as an effort to avoid future problems, our parish has engaged the services of PASC, the parish accounting service center, through the archdiocese. This move is beneficial to the parish in several ways.

First, it provides independent oversight of our financial situation, regular audits and financial statements. Second, it is actually more cost effective than maintaining our own bookkeeping functions within the parish office as costs less to contract these services than to pay a full time staff member. Additionally, it provides for better continuity in the event of a change of pastor our parish administrator.

On the whole, this is a very positive development for our parish, and we hope it helps to provide everyone reassurance that we continue to work to address the factors that led to our current challenges and to ensure they will not be repeated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, our Finance Director, Bob Collett or any of the Parish Leadership Team members. Thank you.