

PARISH OF ST. ANTHONY

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LOOKING FOR ANGELS

Winter 2017-2018

Dear Parishioners:

I'd like to update you on our efforts to pay off the outstanding debt for the roof on our parish center.

Some good news: one of our parishioners submitted a grant to a foundation for help with this debt and we were granted \$20,000! We have already received half of that grant and will get the remainder shortly.

Then I received a letter from another parishioner with a \$1,000 check to reduce our debt on the roof.

In the letter she said "How long will it take to eliminate the remaining amount with just our second collection monthly? Can't you take a percentage of the Feast money? **There has to be a better way!**"

I agree totally and I started thinking about a better way. The proceeds from the Feast are an enormous support, but even with them we had a big deficit last year.

This parishioner clearly had appeared as **an angel** at that moment. How many more angels could there be in our parish? I simply don't know.

Could there possibly be another 79 angels in our parish?

And, if there were another 79 such angels who would donate \$1,000 each, I would contribute \$10,000 for the five priests who live in our rectory.

That would eliminate the debt.

It would also enable us to somewhat reduce the financial pressure on parish families who have children in our religious education programs whose fees were increased significantly this year.

If you would like to be one of these angels, just let me know.

Many thanks

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