



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier,

You may recently have received either through email or via mobile text a note purporting to be from me asking that you purchase i-Tunes/Google Play gift cards on my behalf. This is a “phishing” scam that fraudsters have been using in a number of dioceses around the country. They create email addresses and phone accounts that appear similar to a priest’s parish email address or phone number and then fraudulently encourage unsuspecting parishioners to send them gift cards.

Please know that I would never send such a communication to you, and please do not respond to such emails or otherwise contact the fraudsters or provide any personal information to individuals whose emails or mobile numbers you do not recognize.

I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this phishing scam may have created.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Father Rob Maro

Reverend Robert G. Maro