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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Last weekend, we continued the tradition of our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. There were about 160 people joining us for this wonderful event; and it seemed that everyone had a great time, enjoying good food and great fellowship with one another. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on this dinner. There was a true spirit of service and charity on display as parishioners donated turkey and dressing, as they prepared food and served one another for the dinner. This would not have been possible without such a dedicated group of volunteers. I want to say a special thanks to Mrs. Leah Chase and Mrs. Stella Chase Reese of Dooky Chase's Restaurant. They generously donated gumbo for the dinner. The parish also received \$1369.00 in donations to benefit St. Vincent de Paul and their ministry to the poor of our parish. Thank you to everyone for your service and generosity!

This week, I concluded the Coffee Gatherings that we began back in August. There were a total of 11 coffee gatherings, which gave me the opportunity to meet and talk with well over 100 parishioners. Hearing your responses and reflections on what Our Lady of the Rosary is doing well and on what God may be calling us to do in the future has been incredibly helpful for me to get to know our parish. I am very grateful to all those who hosted coffee gatherings and to all who attended and shared their thoughts with me. I'm also happy to report that the last coffee gathering, which was held for the young adults of our parish, was the largest one, by far! More than 20 young adults gathered in the rectory on Thursday evening. It is a great joy to me to see such energy and excitement among the young people of our parish.

Now that the coffee gatherings have concluded, I will begin organizing and systematizing the 44 pages of notes that I took. Then I will work with the pastoral council to begin planning how we can put some of the ideas and feedback into action. Let us all keep one another in prayer as we continue to discern and follow God's will for our parish and for our lives.

To Jesus through Mary,

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