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## Dear Members and Friends of St. Rafka Church,

As we approach a significant milestone in the life of our church, we are filled with gratitude for the journey we have shared. Since purchasing our beautiful church in 2013, we've grown together, celebrated together, and achieved remarkable things through your support and commitment. Now, we stand at a pivotal moment with a unique opportunity to secure the future of St. Rafka: **paying off our mortgage by June 2025** to render our parish mortgage-free!

Through God's grace and your generosity, we have already made tremendous strides since our original mortgage of 550k in 2013. Our different fundraisers have allowed us to contribute over \$115,000 towards our mortgage principal since December 2022 alone. However, **a balloon payment is due by June 2025**, and we are launching a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 to meet this obligation and ensure our church remains debt-free.

This campaign is an invitation to all members, families, and benefactors to come together in a spirit of unity and faith. **Every pledge**, *no matter the size*, **brings us closer to our goal**. Together, we can reduce our debt, allowing St. Rafka to dedicate more resources to our spiritual mission and future projects, including creating youth spaces, renovating the rectory, repairing the parking lot, and other much needed improvements.

Enclosed is a pledge card for you to **fill out and return by Dec 31, 2024.** Contributions can be made **in cash or in-kind.** Please consider making a meaningful contribution to this campaign. Let us seize this moment to leave a legacy of financial stability for future generations of worshippers. With your support, we can ensure that St. Rafka continues to be a beacon of faith and community for years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Rodrigue Constantin, Pastor

PS: If you are considering making a contribution in-kind (e.g., stocks, IRA distribution), our banking advisor can **help you maximize your tax benefit**. Please call Sonia Alitawi at 734-634-8355.