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Dear Good Shepherd Family,

It is my humble honor to serve as your pastor here. Fr. Deogratias Ssamba, our deacons and parish staff are all here to serve you and the needs of our parish, our Church and our neighbors, near and far.

On the other side of this page you will find a summary of our income statement for the financial year that ended on June 30, 2017. You will also see our approved budget for the fiscal year that we are in now.

I promise you as your pastor that we will spend only what we need to spend in order to keep this wonderful and generous parish thriving. We will also do our best to save money when we see that we can. We will be responsible shepherds of all of the resources that God gives us through your generous sacrifices. Also, if there are ways that we can get things done, and even grow here, we will ask you to "volunteer" to help us so we are not spending needlessly.

That brings me to asking you to share the work with us. In fact we cannot be Church without you. You are the Church. You are the parish. Your priests, deacons, staff, buildings, programs, committees, services, even our worship, are all about promoting and serving you and our parish's, our Church's and Christ's mission here. *It takes all of us to be Church.* The Body of Christ needs all of its members to work together and serve as One Body.

Please be as generous as you can in order to make Christ and the Church happen here. If you have been giving the same amount week after week, month after month, year after year, please pray about whether God is calling you to dig deeper and sacrifice a little more for the benefit of Good Shepherd Parish. Look at how God has blessed you and share that blessing back to help our parish and Church grow.

Thanks for considering our parish as a place worthy enough to benefit from your generosity!

Peace and Prayers,



Fr. Chuck Walker

Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish