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All Together One

Jesus said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21

Dear Fellow Followers of Christ:

As you hopefully know by now, the Bishop's Committee and I have declared our programmatic theme for this coming year to be, *All Together One*. We feel this to be important an important theme because of all the amazing opportunities that the Lord has placed before us. And with so many opportunities also comes the possibility of scattering in many different directions. However, the Body of Christ must remain unified in the midst of our many different tasks. So, in whatever you do or are planning to do, ask yourself how that prayer, action or response can be for the greater good of the whole body.

Speaking of the whole body, leaders from the Church of the Holy Spirit are hard at work listening to THE Holy Spirit as we seek to walk together with the Lord. I am very grateful to the work of the Transition Team, which is focusing on our call to common mission, as they really begin to do their work. If you have any joys or concerns to share with this team, you are invited to email them. They will take your joy or concern and develop a response that is good and appropriate for the whole community.

The Sacred Space Team has also been hard at work interviewing architects. By All Saints Day, Sunday, November 7, the team should be ready to make an announcement about who it is that they recommend (with the support of the Bishop Committee and the Diocese) to be the architect for our new Sacred Space. Pray for this team as they continue their good work!

As we begin to prepare for serving the Lord in the year 2011, we have established two priorities – youth and communication/administration. With your faithful financial support the Church of the Holy Spirit will be able to focus on youth ministry and church administration/communication in a way that we have not yet had the opportunity. To kick off this year's canvas, we are going to gather at Big'z Burger Joint (out 1604 before Huebner on the west bound side) to eat and celebrate our common life together! All that we ask is that you sign up with the stewardship team with a \$10 refundable deposit per family (refundable when you show up at Big'z and if you would like it returned) and the church will buy your dinner!

The exciting thing for 2011 is that if everyone who pledges now increases your pledge just \$50 per month, we will be able to live into the vision that God has cast for us next year. If you currently are not pledging, try offering \$30 per month or even \$50 per month (or more if you feel so moved!) to the Lord's work through the Church of the Holy Spirit. This offering is one of many ways that you can show your thankfulness for all of the blessings in your life! I offer my thanks to Rose Damon and the stewardship team for their leadership of this year's canvas, *1st and \$10 for God!*

When we are *All Together One* it is amazing how the Lord is able to use us!

Faithfully,

Jason