



April 20, 2009

Dear Parishoners of Saint Louis Parish,

I regret that I cannot be with you in person as you inaugurate the capital campaign, which will enable you, under the leadership of Father Terry Staples, your pastor, to make necessary repairs and improvements to both the church and the school. I am both delighted and grateful that he is leading this endeavor so diligently with the collaboration of the building committee, the parish council, and the finance council.

I would also like to express profound gratitude to the many Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope donors who not only supported diocesan capital needs but also provided a great foundation of generosity for this parish. Your sacrifices, past, present, and future, are the legacy which will renovate your church and school for future generations in Alexandria.

Given that this is the Year of Saint Paul, I pray that, inspired by his zeal, you will participate in this capital campaign with the intention of building up the body of believers within your parish and beyond. I leave you with these words of St. Paul: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Please be assured of my continuing prayerful support.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
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