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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past two years, it has been my privilege to serve as your Parish Priest. Although this time has been relatively short, I have been deeply inspired by your unwavering spiritual and practical commitment to our Parish community. Your faithful participation in the worship and prayer life of the Parish, your generous involvement in various ministries, and your consistent financial contributions toward the upkeep of our Parish are powerful testimonies to your love for God. In doing so, you enable the mission of evangelisation and ensure the continued presence of Christ in our midst.

In recent years, we have been blessed with many new Parishioners who have chosen to make this Parish their spiritual home. I sincerely thank you for the warmth and hospitality you have shown in welcoming them into our community.

At the same time, we remember with deep gratitude those pioneering members of our Parish who have gone to their eternal reward. These men and women laboured tirelessly—spiritually, pastorally, and financially—to build up the life of this Parish. Their commitment to faith and their dedication continues to bear fruit today.

Founded in 1901, our Parish has a long and rich history. The evangelical, educational, and pastoral work that has flourished here over the decades has only been possible through the generous stewardship of Parishioners like yourselves—people who have offered their time, talents, and resources in service to God and His Church. Our schools are the fruits of the dedication, hard work, and vision of past generations. They stand as a vital part of our Parish's educational mission, committed to providing both academic excellence and faith formation for our children.

As an integral aspect of this faith formation, students and their families are blessed with the opportunity to attend special liturgies and weekday Masses, and to celebrate the Sacraments within our Parish community.

As St. Carlo Acutis so beautifully reminded us, *"We don't have to travel to Jerusalem to see Jesus; we only have to walk to our nearest Catholic Church to do this"*. We are, indeed, the beneficiaries of the sacrifices and foresight of those who came before us.

As we look to the future, I ask for your continued support so that the work of Christ may endure in our Parish for generations to come. With this in mind, I earnestly request you to take an active role in our new *Stewardship Program*. Your generous participation will be instrumental in sustaining the Mission of evangelisation and nurturing the faith of our community in the years ahead.

Please join me in praying for the success of this important initiative.

In Christ,

Fr Stanly Devasia
Parish Priest