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My Dearest People of St. Patrick,

The waiting is over! I am absolutely thrilled to share with you wonderful news about our Capital Campaign and renovation project.

We have officially secured a \$500,000 grant from the National Trust for Sacred Places! This grant will be paid out in two installments. Once we return the signed grant agreement, the first half will be processed. The second payment will be disbursed upon completion of the project, documentation of 100% of the required matching funds, submission of a final project report, and a site visit by the team from the National Trust.

In more good news, we have received full BAR approval for our entire renovation project. This includes the steeple repair, window restoration, steeple lightning protection, and brick repointing. It was a long and rigorous road to get here, but you stayed by my side and supported me with your words of encouragement. Because of your unwavering faith and support, we have succeeded. Thank you so much.

Renovation Timeline

We have instructed the contractors to start work immediately. Scaffolding will begin going up this week. Our architect, David Hill, will be supervising the entire project.

Personal Update & Coverage

On a personal note, I will be traveling to Nigeria this week to visit my 98-year-old mother, Angelina, who is currently unwell. I humbly ask that you please keep her in your prayers.

While I am away, you will be in excellent hands. Father Anacletus Ogbunkwu and Deacon John Breeden will be here to care for your spiritual needs. For administrative matters, please reach out to our parish chairperson, Denva Simpson, or to the office staff.

A Pastoral Appeal

May I plead with you to continue redeeming your pledges. If you have not yet made a pledge or contributed, I urge you to support your church. Do not do it for me; do it because it is your responsibility in building up the Body of Christ. Authentic faith requires our true devotion and actions, rather than outward show or pretense. Let us give from the heart as we build the future of St. Patrick together.

May God bless you,

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