

Dear Friends,

A short time after I became pastor, I began the “Annual Collection,” which is the pastor’s annual appeal to his parishioners. The Annual Collection is a common practice in many parishes. Last year, however, I suspended the Annual Collection due to our participation in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. In place of last year’s Annual Collection, I asked parishioners if they’d be willing to simply increase their contribution to the *November Parish Maintenance and Improvement collection*. As usual, you were very generous.

With Covid-19, this has been another very uncommon year, to say the least. I realize that many families have struggled during this time. Therefore, *I will once again suspend the Annual Collection*; however, I’d like to ask you to consider doing the same thing as last year. If you are able, I am asking you to increase your contribution to the *November Parish Maintenance and Improvement collection* which will be on the weekend of **November 7-8**. Like every family, we still have our bills to pay. We continue to maintain the school property as we patiently wait for the right buyer, and property insurance alone for the school is \$16,000 per year.

Unlike the Annual Collection letter that I send to each family, I am not requesting that you contribute a specific amount. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated. Just a reminder that you can sign up for *e-giving* by clicking on this link: <https://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/e-giving/> or you can *Text-to-Give*: just text the word “Give” to 401-205-3821 and follow the prompts.

As always, I will never ask you to do something that I’m unwilling to do, therefore I will contribute \$150 to the November Maintenance and Improvement collection.

Thank you for your consideration. You are always extremely generous to our parish, and I am grateful to the Lord for each and every one of you.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Najim