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**Companions on the Journey**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to provide all of you with an update on our Jubilee Fund projects from last Spring. You will recall that we had several capital projects we wanted to work on. One was the air conditioning for the old section of the parish Education Center. We managed to install new combo heating/air conditioning units in all the old classrooms that now house our Child Care and Pre-K classes. In addition, we were able to provide similar units to the new section of the Education Center. A number of those units had begun to fail and were costing us a great deal in terms of repair and maintenance. So we have spent over \$60,000 of the monies collected to accomplish these new installations but at the present time they have been completed.

A second major effort was to have an assessment of the church sound system and the development of a plan to remedy its deficiencies and then decided what improvements were necessary and get estimates on the cost of such improvements. We have had experts from two sound companies in to assess and examine our system. We have received these assessments and one proposal but are awaiting the second proposal. One of the complicating factors is not the testing and the assessment. The problem has to do with obtaining digital parts for the various electronics, hardware and digital enhancements. You have probably heard references to supply side shortages in various areas, one of which is food. Certain items are harder to come by. Well, in the realm of microprocessor chips, the car industry, the electronics, industry are all having a difficult time getting the essential computer chips. Here at Saint Anthony's for example, we signed a contract back in the springtime to upgrade the contact points for our parish WiFi. But the earliest we were told to obtain the necessary digital components was this October but they have not arrived yet. That is six months we have been waiting. We signed a new contract for our Parish center printer. We cannot get the new printer upgrades because of the supply line shortages.

The same holds true for the Sound System speakers that we believe we need to solve our sound system problems. We are working diligently but we are also biding our time and trying to be patient as we await the necessary parts to begin to materialize. Thank you for your patience. We have just learned that our whole computer system needs a new firewall. Guess what? The same shortage applies here too. Please pray for us that some of these back logs begin to be resolved. I would be grateful.

In the peace of Christ,  
Msgr. McHenry