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Greetings of peace!

A church building is a sacred space dedicated to the worship of God by His people, especially in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Every consecrated church building makes accessible in each time and place the presence of our Sacramental Lord in each parish for all who gather to celebrate His sacred mysteries.

The Church is united in the Eucharist as a communion of people joined together in the Faith, for personal devotion and prayer as individuals and families. The formation of the people in the Faith takes place through catechesis and evangelization and the communal work of service and charity that witness to the Church's mission.

The people of Sacred Heart Parish, Strathmore, have been praying fervently and working tirelessly towards having a new church after many years of celebrating the Sunday Eucharist in the school gym. The parish community has been blessed with the purchase of a commercial retail building situated in an established community where the church will be at the heart of it.

The Diocese continues to be committed in supporting the efforts of the parish leadership and teams in building this parish church. I am grateful for their pastoral and professional work in planning and envisioning, community-building, and fundraising.

With this letter, I encourage you to persevere in providing whatever financial assistance you can offer to the parish for the building of this church. I invite you to be a part of this legacy not only for the parishioners today but also for the generations that will come to be fed, nourished, and formed as disciples of our Lord.

The parish is in possession of a first-class relic of St. John Paul II. It is also their hope that this church may be a place of pilgrimage for people who desire to raise their prayers to God in the presence of the holy relic.

We ask for the intercession of St. John Paul and of St. Joseph that this project may be completed as soon as possible for the people to worship in this space that will be consecrated for God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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