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OUR HOLY REDEEMER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Dear Parishioner,

"One small step for a parishioner; one giant leap for a parish." Those may not have been the words spoken by US Astronaut Neil Armstrong as he disembarked Apollo 11 on 20 July 1969, but they were in fact inspired by that moment in history when (in the words of *Star Trek's* Captain James T. Kirk): we "Boldly (went) where no man has gone before."

On 25 November 2018, *"One Small Step for a Parishioner; One Giant Leap for a Parish"* became the "mantra" for our current Stewardship Appeal. It was my hope that remembrance of the lunar landing evoked by those words would inspire parishioners of Our Holy Redeemer to take our Parish where we have never gone before in weekly financial contributions: \$20,000/week in the year 2020. And while we may not have *landed there* yet, I am happy to report that we have seen (thanks be to God) a \$2,000 increase in our weekly offering. Our first-offertory weekly average for the year 2017 – 2018 was \$10,968.87, and so far, in the sixth months since our campaign *blasted off*, we are averaging \$12,661.16 in our weekly first offering.

Thank you for doing your part to help *fuel* that increase of nearly \$2,000/week! Your sacrificial giving is more than just "one small step for a parishioner." Like participation in our *Raffle/Raffle/Raffle*, it is an expression of gratitude for Our Holy Redeemer's sacrifice that does not guarantee to boldly take us to \$20,000/week in 2020 or to the moon for that matter, but it does guarantee to boldly take us where Our Holy Redeemer has gone before: Heaven!

Sincerely yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Arcoleo". The signature is fluid and personal, with a distinct loop at the end.

Rev. Father Douglas R. Arcoleo
Pastor

WHERE COMING HOME IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!