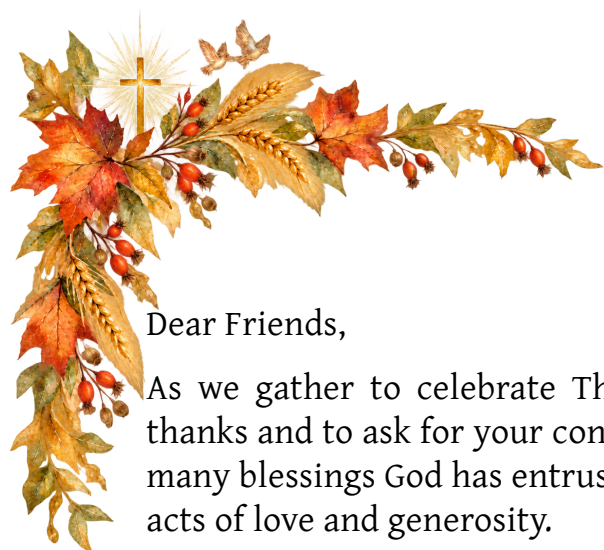




*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.*

Psalm 126:3

October 2026

Dear Friends,

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I write to you with two intentions: to give thanks and to ask for your continued prayers and support. This season reminds us of the many blessings God has entrusted to us and invites us to respond with gratitude through acts of love and generosity.

In recent months, our faith community has experienced several important milestones: we joyfully welcomed Bishop Daniel Miehm as he was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of London; we welcomed our new Associate Pastor, Father Matthew Sawyer; and began the restoration of St. Peter's Cathedral. We are deeply grateful for these significant moments in our shared history.

Pope Leo reminds us that *"Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful. Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves."* And so, we thank God for our families, our community, and above all, the gift of faith.

In that same spirit of gratitude, we are also called to give back. Each year, parishes in the Diocese of London hold the Thanksgiving Appeal. Every contribution remains in the parish and directly supports ministry, liturgy, outreach, and parish projects unique to each community. These ministries are vital for fostering vocations, supporting sacramental preparation, and ensuring that the Church can continue her mission to proclaim the Gospel and serve those in need.

I invite you to consider a special act of thanksgiving by supporting the ministries, programs, and projects of our Family of Parishes. Your generosity through the Thanksgiving Appeal helps us extend Christ's love and mercy, touching lives both within our parish family and beyond. I am deeply grateful for the many ways God is at work among us, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us with hope into the future.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your presence in our community. May God bless you abundantly this Thanksgiving and always.

In the Shepherd Lord,

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