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*“St. Paul Cathedral Parish is a diverse body of Catholic people whom God calls by name, given a mission by Jesus Christ to be a faithful sign, a realistic foretaste and an instrument of the Kingdom of God.  
As Cathedral Parishioners, we recognize our responsibility to show leadership by example and to provide service to God’s people.*”

My Dear Parishioners:

Time to “saddle up” for another round of activities, challenges and excitement for the year. As you are well aware, there’s lots going on in our parish & beyond for this month of October, the month of Mary’s Holy Rosary (By the way, rosaries are available in the vestibule for your convenience & use).

1. First of all, allow me to thank you for your marvelous generosity to our appeal to enable us to install a new elevator in our Cathedral Parish Center (formerly St. Paul Cathedral School) and to prepare for other improvements & repairs as we endeavor to be responsible stewards of the treasure we have in the parish plant of St. Paul Cathedral. Although the parish is the “People of God”: YOU, we still need to be careful of the physical buildings which comprise our parish: The Cathedral itself; Parish Center; Assembly Place; the Haven, our Young Adult Center by the College; rectory, garage & parish offices and of course whatever is overage will be set aside as a maintenance fund to preserve our patrimony. (Packets are still available in the Cathedral vestibule pamphlet racks, if you wish to have a share in this effort.)
2. Our next major effort is of course our Annual Catholic Appeal: A challenge and opportunity for us to enter into the Mission of our Bishop & Diocese and have a share in it. As we will note in next Sunday’s bulletin, this effort begins the weekend of October 20/21 and our reachable goal is \$83,038.00 or 16% of our “regular” income which includes Sunday & Holy Day collections & is allocated to each parish in the Diocese in this most equitable way. Those of you who are registered in the parish & have participated before, will or have already received self addressed pledge envelopes in the mail. But, in case we overlooked you, I will enclose a pledge card/envelope in the next mailing. Whether you can give \$1.00 or \$10,000.00 or more, **THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT EVERY PARISHIONER HAVE A SHARE IN THE APOSTOLIC MINISTRY OF THE “GREATER CHURCH”, OUR DIOCESE OF YAKIMA.** The ministries supported are in the envelope from the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generous outreach enabling us to meet our goal. (Any funds collected above our goal, are returned to our parish, enabling us to balance our books at the end of the fiscal year in June.)
3. We still have a couple of openings at our parish table for the Celebration of Faith Dinner at the Convention Center Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. Want to come? Contact me today!!
4. Your Parish Council under the leadership of Sandi Hays meets on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October to discern and plan for the future needs of our parish: Together with our Cathedral Finance Board, under the leadership of Rick Pinnell, we are in the process of renovating & updating our ancient rectory garage: new roof, electrical service, siding & paint. And I know it is in process because our own Don Harris stepped up & volunteered to oversee the project. The other project, besides our elevator in the Parish Center is the sealing & striping of our parking lot, which is proceeding under the direction of Dave Cook, Finance Board Member, is under way as well.

5. It is almost November and we are reminding ourselves that Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is ALL SAINTS DAY, A HOLYDAY with Masses on Wednesday (Halloween) at 5:30PM & on Thursday at 8:00AM, 12:07 & 7:00PM (bilingual).
6. November is also the MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS, when we lovingly remember, uphold & pray for all our family, relatives & friends who have died.

#### **ALTAR OF THE DEAD**

As is our custom, this special altar is set up in the Baptistery (SW corner in the Cathedral) a place to put pictures of our deceased for sharing & remembering by our parish family. Pictures may be left there the weekend of October 27/28 and will remain until the Feast of Christ the King, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

We are also including in this mailing special envelopes for listing your deceased, which will be placed on the altar during November. Please return via the usual weekend collection or drop off at the office by All Saints Day.

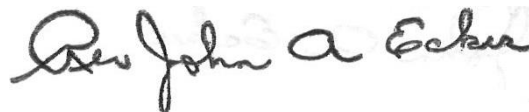
#### **ALL SOULS DAY MASSES**

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00AM & 7:00PM (bilingual)

7. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS RAFFLE TICKETS will be available after Mass the weekend of November 3/4. Please stop & assist them as they raise funds for their great outreach in charity & to help our own Diocese.
8. That same weekend, our local Knights of Columbus will have available for sale in the Cathedral vestibule religious themed Christmas Cards, to “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”. Take a few minutes after (or before) Mass to peruse and obtain real Christmas cards for the upcoming feast!!
9. The final concern I bring before you this month is our ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS, BISHOPS & DEACONS who have served our Diocese since its foundation in 1951. Many of them have served here in our parish & we need to remember, uphold & pray for them, who have served us so faithfully over the years. Bishop Tyson will celebrate the Mass along with the priests & deacons of our Diocese on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30PM. Please come & join us!!

Again, thank you for who you are as member of this great “Community of Faith” of St. Paul Cathedral. May we continue to pray for each other as we continue our pilgrimage journey of Faith in these especially difficult times for our Church and world. We need always to remember that God walks with us daily & He is much more powerful than any turmoil or catastrophe in the world or Church. We pray for all victims of predators within the Church and for healing of our damaged community. Never give up!! God is with us!!

Devotedly in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker - VG  
Pastor