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More thoughts from the pastor,

I hate wasting paper and once again I have the chance to write a second letter because there is a blank side to work with. This week you will be receiving the letter from me and the Finance Committee concerning financial contributions. I know that you will do what you can to help the parish out.

This past week I did my best to help the budget with shopping. One of our Catholic Church goods stores in Omaha is closing so I did some extra shopping that should save us about \$200 dollars. Adoremus is going out of business. I mention this because in another week or so you will be receiving another mailing from the parish. I know that there will be people who will be wondering why we didn't do it all in one mailing. I did figure it out and the second mailing will cost us an extra \$200. But I really wanted this to go out in a separate mailing so it would be two reminders from the parish. The second mailing is concerning the annual parish stewardship sign-up.

So many people think that because they registered in the parish thirty years ago that they don't need to worry about this. In the meantime their phone number has changed. Their e-mail is different and their household has a different number of people. These are all things that need to be constantly updated so I wanted a second mailing to be a special reminder to everyone. Because it is getting mailed there will only be a few stewardship forms available in church along with registration forms for newcomers. So stay tuned for that.

This Monday I am hoping to take a quick trip to Colorado to visit my family. I will be back by Wednesday afternoon so it is truly a quick trip. The main reason is to visit my nephew's wife. I told you back then that my nephew died suddenly at the age of 35. She is the one who I then used as the example in July for my preaching about bringing a loved one into, or back into, the church. She has had almost no training in any faith. It has not worked out to talk with her these last months but it looks like I can see her on Monday. What I didn't mention back then was that there was an extra motivation for me in this process. Two days after my nephew's death, she found out that she was pregnant. No one knew that at the time of the funeral. I found out right after the service. Right now the baby is 21 weeks along and things are going well. So I want to talk with her.

When I went on retreat in August I wrote out a plan of action. I didn't want to put it on the website until now because it might have confused the issue as I worked with her. It is 26 pages long so it covers a lot. Feel free to look it up. It summarizes what I presented in my homilies and letters during that month of July when Fr. Cleary was gone.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank