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Dear Parents,

Over the past sixty-five years, St. Emily Parish has been richly blessed in so many ways. God has given us loving families, wonderful friends and our rich Catholic faith to support, challenge and guide us on our earthly pilgrimage that will hopefully someday lead us to the Lord's Heavenly Home.

Each day of our lives, we offer God our time, talent and treasure with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation for the many blessings that the Lord has given to us!

I offer a gracious invitation to you and all the children of St. Emily Parish to participate in our Children's Sunday Offertory Envelope Program.

I want to be clear that the purpose of this program ***is not*** to raise more money for the parish. **The purpose is to teach the children the joy of giving and the fact that they need to give back to God out of gratitude for all that God has given to them.**

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Every St. Emily student enrolled in our Parish School as well as our Religious Education program will receive a box of Church envelopes to be used at Sunday Mass for the entire year. **The envelopes will allow the children to write down a gift of time to prayer or talent in service to others that they have shared that week.**

Each week, during the Preparation of Gifts at Sunday Mass, children will be invited to place their envelope in the collection baskets that are passed throughout the Church on Sundays.

I ask you to support the effort by first and foremost bringing your child to Sunday Mass each week. Please remind them to bring their envelopes with them and talk with them through the week regarding their thoughts and feelings about Stewardship of Prayer, Service and Sacrificial Giving.

I do not expect you to supply your child with the money that goes in the envelope. One of the primary purposes of this effort is to teach children that it does indeed feel good to give. It is good to know that we have something to offer back to God, the Church and the world. For this reason, it is more important that a child puts in a nickel, dime, or quarter from his or her allowance and feels proud of that contribution rather than putting money in the envelope given to them by mom or dad.

I hope that you and your family will be excited about the Children's Sunday Offertory Envelope Program as I am. I look forward to seeing you and your family at St. Emily's for Sunday Mass each week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. James Presta".

Rev. James Presta

Pastor