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Dear Charlie & Lisa,

As administrator of St. Thomas More Parish, I am following the practice of Fr. Belczak in writing to ask you to consider making a donation to the 2013 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) which funds the offices, programs and out-reach programs of the Archdiocese.

St. Thomas More has always reached or surpassed the target assigned by the Archdiocese. In large part I am sure that you have been so successful because of your deep affection and gratitude for the ministry of Fr. Belczak. I completely understand your loving support and concern for him and share your pain that he is not with us at this time due to the process of investigating financial and management concerns which surfaced during last year's parish audit.

I do not know when judgment will be made by Church and civil authorities but in the interval, I thank you for your support for the parish and its financial responsibility toward the well-being of the whole Archdiocese through the annual CSA. You have been extremely generous in giving of your time, talent and treasure to our parish and the Archdiocese over the years and I ask you to do the same this year.

Fr. Belczak has built up and sustained a very dynamic community of faith at St. Thomas More – thanks to all of you and the grace of the Holy Spirit. The best tribute you could give to Fr. Belczak's ministry would be to continue to support every aspect of the parish, including this CSA campaign.

Our parish target is \$291,770. If we exceed our target, the parish will benefit from those extra funds and they can be used for various projects around the parish; if we do not reach our target, we will have to fulfill our target obligation to the Archdiocese from funds on deposit. Due to the way the CSA has been structured for these 30 years, choosing not to contribute to CSA will harm only St. Thomas More parish and our own programs; it will not "send a message" of frustration or disappointment to the Archbishop.

As a sign of solidarity with you, although I am also the shepherd of Holy Name Parish, I will myself be making a contribution to the CSA campaign at St. Thomas More Parish.

Last year your gift to the CSA was \$150. In the name of the Archdiocese and our fellow parishioners, I am asking your generosity again this year. Since our target was raised 1.64% this year, an increased gift would be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed you will find your 2013 CSA giving card and return envelope. Please bring these to Mass this coming week-end or drop it in the mail. Only those not responding will be contacted further. Your prompt response will save us time, printing and postage cost.

I thank you ahead of time for your kind consideration and generosity. I truly feel humbled to be serving your great parish. I too pray with you for Fr. Belczak and the well-being of our community of faith.

Your brother in the Lord,



Msgr. John Zenz, Administrator