



# Christ the Light of the World Parish

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Reverend Dennis J. Colamarino, *Pastor*

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Dear Parishioners of Christ the Light of the World Parish:

This letter comes to you for **Information, Education and Participation.**

**INFORMATION: (Background)** It is the mission of the church and every parish to provide quality and safe religious education for our children. Over the last 10 years our CCD program participation has increased 17% to 126 students.

With the demise of the old Holy Name School Building, we have been hard pressed to find space to provide religious education for our children. Over (2) two years ago, I devised a plan, with the blessing of the parish finance council and pastoral council to build a new catechetical center to house all the children in 9 classrooms. A building advisory committee was formed and we embarked on this bold endeavor.

**However**, with the onslaught of the weakening economy and the present economic situation that some people are facing, we decided to rethink this project. All the parties concerned agreed that we should scale back this project and come up with a way to still provide quality and safe religious education for our children.

We have decided to work with what we have and remodel and rehab the present CCD Center (*or the old Holy Name Convent.*)

**EDUCATION:** The convent was built in the early 1900's. It has a new roof and new windows, but the heating, plumbing and electricity are outdated, some of it original to the building. Updating is necessary so as not to put any of the children at risk. The Diocesan officials did an on-sight inspection and concurred with our evaluation and plan.

We have received the blessing of the Bishops office and the Diocese to embark on this altered endeavor.

**PARTICIPATION:** The entire project is going to cost \$160,000.00. I have received permission from the Bishop that all donations that come in for this project over the next (3) years will be exempt from Diocesan tax, so every cent donated can go towards the rehab project.

We did consider tearing down the convent and starting over but we wanted to preserve the history and memories associated with the building. I thought you might want to participate by making a donation "*in honor of*" or "*in memory of*" a former nun or teacher (*some of you may have taken piano lessons in the parlor*), a former pastor or priest who was special to you or in honor of a student or even your children who had or will have their religious education here. You may make an outright donation or extend a pledge over (3) years.

To jump start our participation, I am making a personal pledge of \$1,000.00 in honor and memory of the three women who have managed the CCD program for the years I have been in Duquesne (in memory of *Dorothy Medich*) and (*in honor of Steffie Petrozza and Colleen Whitney.*) An honor and memory board will be erected in the CCD center for those people in whose name (*one name per donation*) a \$300.00 or greater donation was given.

Enclosed is an "*invitation participation envelope*" to help make your donation easier. Fill it out and return it to the rectory or drop it in the collection. We can bill you monthly or yearly

<b>GIFT: \$1,000.00 (over 3 years)</b>	<b>\$333.00 a year</b>	<b>\$27.00 a month</b>	<b>.90 cents a day</b>
<b>\$ 500.00 (over 3 years)</b>	<b>\$166.00 a year</b>	<b>\$13.00 a month</b>	<b>.45 cents a day</b>
<b>\$ 300.00 (over 3 years)</b>	<b>\$100.00 a year</b>	<b>\$10.00 a month</b>	<b>.27 cents a day</b>

**Remember, no donation is too great or small.** You may want to invite your family members, relatives and friends to participate in giving our children a quality and safe opportunity for religious education

Peace, *Fr. Dennis*

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