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“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.” *Luke 1:46*

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to a new Liturgical Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent.

This New Year is very special to all of us. In the Archdiocese of Chicago we celebrate the Year of Sunday Mass to appreciate the Holy Eucharist more deeply and attend weekend Masses more frequently. In the universal Church, it is the Year of Faith, called by Pope Benedict XVI in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th of the promulgation of *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

We are truly blessed that our Loving Father in His Providence gives us this time of conversion and grace to embrace anew the Incarnation of His Only Begotten Son. In the virtue of this mystery, our Savior is so close to each and every one of us that He feels our struggles and difficulties, our inspirations and hopes.

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to open ourselves totally to His Truly Human and Truly Divine presence.

The prophet John the Baptist guides us in preparing the way for the Lord; to get busy with sincere prayer, renewal of mind, and more compassionate and sacrificing deeds. Through our personal and communal conversion, the presence of God shines in our very lives with peace and joy. Indeed, through our proper disposition we experience the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

We are very grateful to you for your selfless example of life, your generous service to our parish community, and ever new faith in God who is Love.

Included with this letter please find an Advent booklet for spiritual guidance through the season of Advent as our token of appreciation. We hope you enjoy it.

Let us support one another with prayers and kindness on the journey of faith.

Fr. Walter, Deacons, Parish Staff