

# Rooted in Christ:

## *Growing Together*

### NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous response to our *Rooted in Christ: Growing Together* program.

As Christians, we are all called to imitate Christ, proclaiming the Gospel with words and actions so that the world may come to know and love Christ.

St. Patrick Church of Merna is vital to leading our community to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. Your commitment to the mission, ministries, and service programs of our parish allows us to build up the Kingdom of God in our community.

I pray that the Lord continues to guide us and fill us with His grace and love, that we may be transformed in Him as He makes all things new.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Dustin Schultz  
Pastor



## Highlights

**525**

families returned a card and committed to supporting our parish

**\$14,563**

in one-time gifts to support us living out our mission

**\$1,518/week**

average increase in offertory collections since Commitment Weekend (compared to this time last year)

*If you have not already done so, please renew your commitment to our parish today. Imagine what we can accomplish in Christ with 100% participation!*

**We Invite You To:**

### *Know Him*

*Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.*  
– 2 Pet 3:18

- Join a faith formation group or Bible study.
- Invite others to learn more about our faith through your words and example.
- Volunteer to serve in religious education or OCIA programs.

### *Love Him*

*You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.*  
– Dt 6:5

- Actively and regularly participate in the Mass.
- Spend time in Eucharistic adoration.
- Serve in a liturgical or hospitality ministry.

### *Serve Him*

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.* – 1 Pet 4:10

- Join a service or outreach ministry in the parish.
- Practice corporal works of mercy daily.
- Give sacrificially as a faithful Christian steward.