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Dear Parents of St. Catherine's,

I hope this message finds you well. As I reflect on my first year serving as chaplain at St. Catherine's, I've been thinking about the many blessings in our community, especially the presence of young people who are a vital part of our church family. While we haven't seen many of them regularly attending services or activities, I believe their perspectives and energy are important for the life of our church.

With this in mind, I've been contemplating how best to reconnect with our youth. Recently, I've had meaningful conversations with some young people about topics like climate change, identity, and poverty—issues that resonate with their generation and align with our faith's call to engage with the world. I've seen firsthand how these topics can spark interest, and I believe they provide a unique opportunity to engage more deeply with our youth.

However, I realize that I don't have direct contact with many of them, which is why I am reaching out to you, their parents. I've prepared a letter addressed to the young people of our church, and I would greatly appreciate your help in sharing it with them. Your support and encouragement could make a significant difference in their willingness to read and reflect on the message, and perhaps re-engage with the life of the church.

I understand that life can be busy, and that many young people today have full schedules and commitments. My hope is that through this message, they will see that the church is a place where their voices, questions, and concerns are welcomed—especially on topics that matter deeply to them. I've attached the letter to this email, and I hope you might share it with your children at a time that feels appropriate for them.

Thank you for your support, and please know that I am here for any questions or discussions you might have about this effort. I look forward to exploring these important conversations with our young people and finding new ways for them to engage with our church community.

Blessings to you,


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