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Dear Young People,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I reflect on my first year as chaplain at St. Catherine's, I've been thinking about our community—especially about you, the young people who are such an important part of it, even though we haven't seen each other as often lately.

I know life can be busy and full of changes, but I wanted to reach out and share something that's been on my heart. During my time here, I've noticed how much the world around us is changing, particularly on issues like climate change, identity, and poverty—topics that I believe speak to your generation in a powerful way. These are issues that not only challenge us but also offer opportunities for us to make a real difference, both personally and within our community.

Climate change is something that affects us all, but I know it's something many of you care deeply about. How we care for God's creation, how we live sustainably, and what kind of future we build are questions that connect deeply with our faith. The choices we make today will shape the world of tomorrow.

Identity is another important topic. As you navigate the world, I imagine many of you are asking questions about who you are, where you belong, and how your unique perspective fits within our church and society. I'd love to hear your thoughts on how you see your identity shaping your place in the church and the wider world.

Poverty is also something we see all around us, both globally and locally. How can we, as people of faith, respond to the needs of others? How can we work together to build a more just and compassionate world?

As I write this letter on the Feast of St. Luke, I can't help but reflect on my own journey in ministry, as this date marks my anniversaries of ordination to the diaconate, priesthood, and bishopric. St. Luke, known for his care for the marginalized and his attention to the bigger picture of humanity, reminds me of the importance of reaching out to all, especially to those who are searching for their place and purpose. It feels like a fitting time to reconnect with you and invite you to explore these important topics together.

I know these are big questions, and they don't have easy answers. But I believe that together we can start meaningful conversations that matter—not just for the church but for our wider community and the world. I'd love to hear your thoughts on any of these topics, whether in a discussion, through a letter, or perhaps even in person at a future gathering.

If these issues resonate with you, I'd be honored to explore them together. Our church community has so much to gain from your perspectives, and I truly believe that your voice matters—especially when it comes to issues that will shape the future for all of us.

Please know that you are always welcome here, and I hope we can connect soon.

Blessings to you,



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