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Dear St. Agnes Family,

Blessings!

As we enter the month of May, a time traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, I invite you to look back at all that we've lived together as one Catholic Church and parish community over the past month.

From Palm Sunday to the moving celebration of the Easter Vigil, our hearts were drawn closer to the mystery of our Savior. I want to deeply thank all who helped make those liturgies so heartfelt, our ushers, music ministry, Eucharistic ministers, volunteers, and each of you who participated with such reverence.

The day after Easter Sunday, we mourned the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His death touched the hearts of the faithful across the globe. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks for his years of service, humility, and for his steadfast witness to the Gospel.

Now, the eyes of the world turn toward Rome as the Conclave to elect a new pope is set to begin on May 7. Let us unite in prayer for the College of Cardinals, that the Holy Spirit may guide them to choose a shepherd who will lead the Church with wisdom, courage, and compassion.

In the weeks ahead, the liturgical calendar calls us to continue celebrating the Easter Season, which culminates with two major solemnities:

- **The Ascension of the Lord (May 29)** – celebrating Christ's return to the Father.
- **Pentecost Sunday (June 8)** – commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church.

As we continue on this journey together, may we turn this month into an intentional time of prayer, lifting up the needs of our Church, praying for our future pope, and interceding for one another in our St. Agnes community.

In Christ,

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