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Dear Parish Family,

When our parish received the 2015 Loyola Press Opening Doors Parish Award from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability in January, it made me think about all the incredible ways in which Saint John Chrysostom have grown over the past few years. We've welcomed hundreds of new members to our parish family and we've added new and exciting ministries to help spread the word of God and change the lives of those living in our community.

That growth shows what we are capable of when all of us come together and devote the amazing gift of ourselves to our church's mission. I want us to be continue to share the joy that comes with opening new doors and helping new members discover their faith. With your generous past donations in mind, I am announcing that St. John Chrysostom Parish will engage in an increased offertory program. We will conduct this program, assisted by The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, to help us increase our weekly offering.

In the coming weeks, each parishioner will receive a letter from me with an increase request. You will also notice a new format on our weekly collection envelopes. An Increased Offertory Program needs to reflect a sustained growth in the weekly collections. A convenient, secure and easy way to ensure your weekly gift is through our Parish Giving electronic offertory program. Parish Giving allows you to use a bank account or credit card to make regular weekly and special contributions automatically. Information for this program is posted on our parish website and will be available as an insert in the bulletin next week. I encourage all parishioners to consider participating in the Parish Giving program.

Please know how grateful I am to all of those who have been faithful in their support of our parish over the past few years. I am asking that each parishioner consider a sacrifice to participate in this increased offertory program either electronically or by envelope. Every successful program we add, we share that success as a parish family. I believe that together, we can ensure that St. John Chrysostom Parish will be a welcoming home and a beacon of hope for generations to come.

Gratefully,
Father Ed