

## *Dear Parishioners;*

It gives me great joy to present my stewardship report to you on this occasion of our Annual General Meeting. First, I like to ask you to pray for the 28 kids who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on 23 June when the Archbishop visits our parish. Our relationship with the schools is growing strong especially that the young people are the future of our parish and our community.

Second, I thank you all for bearing with the great inconveniences that the renovations to our parish facilities have caused. We are composite beings, meaning our bodies and souls have to be taken care of. Thus, to enhance and balance the spiritual and social life of the parish, with a new dedicated church space with pews and kneelers and a new sanctuary, our souls would be taken care of spiritually through our truly Catholic spirituality and with a newly created hall and a brand new kitchen and other facilities upgraded, we hope to build our social life. Our goal is to model our community after the early Christian community in Acts 9:31 and our parish doors would be more opened to accommodating more people, visitors and newcomers and the parish would be a community center for all parishioners and friends.

The total project is estimated to cost about \$1.3M. We have \$1.2M at hand. We look to borrowing \$100,000 from the Archdiocese to cover for the new bathrooms (\$50,000), the ultra-modern electronic sign post, Wi-Fi-connectivity, sound system and the new PST charges that would be accrued. We would amortize this loan for easy repayment and our donations to the Memorial fund will also help our repayment plan.

I like to thank all parishioners and special thanks too to the parish staff, all councils and committees' and social group members in our parish for your cooperation through these construction period. Ordinarily, a construction site is expected to be vacated but we have cooperated and obeyed all the instructions of Stantec and PCL. We thank everyone for their understanding and accommodation. We thank the contractors too for their understanding.

In conclusion, I thank you all for your active participation in the life of the parish. Your faithful commitment and loving support of the parish life and ministry is commendable. Our parish offers many opportunities to witness to Christ through participation in parish events and liturgical life and activities. I encourage parishioners and newcomers to register and join any of our parish's association to enhance their personal and the parish's social, spiritual and liturgical life. I pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is risen to die no more, for Peace and blessings for you and your families through the intercession of Our Lady of Peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Owolagba  
Pastor