Dear Pastors,

I still remember the joy and wonder I felt as a five-year-old, on my father’s shoulders, walking into St. Patrick’s Cathedral for the first time. To this day, when I walk through those doors, I feel that joy and wonder anew. The Cathedral is a symbol of faith, unity, peace, and architectural beauty for parishioners and neighbors in New York City and tourists from around the world.

As we observe the season of Lent and prepare for the feast of St. Patrick, what better time than this to reflect on and share the success of *The Landmark Restoration* campaign. Launched in 2012 under the leadership of His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, the campaign was the Cathedral’s first significant structural preservation effort since 1879. Exterior and interior upgrades and innovations, including stone repair, marble cleaning, roofing, restoring stained glass, and deepening infrastructure have made the preservation of St. Patrick’s Cathedral possible for generations to come.

Of course, as with any renovation…

There is always more to be done.

In the coming years, we will continue our work to maintain and nurture “America’s Parish Church”. The Cathedral’s majestic organ will be restored, and exterior lighting will be installed to make the Cathedral shine as the beacon it is on Fifth Avenue. Chapels, pews, and geothermal well caps will remain as naming opportunities for those eager to memorialize their gifts.

All of this is possible only with the help of our friends and supporters. We count you among them and offer our gratitude for your remarkable role in bringing Christ’s love to your parishes through the sacraments, ministry, and leadership.

As a reminder, a limited number of pew naming opportunities are available to members of the clergy at a lower cost. We hope you might consider this in your future planning.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions (Kathleen.McGowan@archny.org or 646.794.2294). I would be delighted to attend Mass together at the Cathedral and share our joy and wonder!

All my best,

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