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After another beautiful Wisconsin summer, we are entering the Fall season of harvest and bright colors. As I write this letter today our children are back at school for their first day. I am sure many of you can recall how your first day of school was after the fun you had and the vacation time you spent with family during the summer break.

We are excited to welcome over 165 students to our school this year. This year we are celebrating with the church the upcoming Jubilee "Pilgrims of Hope" as our theme. Pope Francis declared 2025 to be a Jubilee year by stating "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." What a great way to start the new year! We ask all our Parish families to continue to pray for the MQSCA students, families, and staff as we embark on the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to see what this year brings, and hopeful for a successful year!

Our Religious education program is set to begin on September 8, which is also the birthday of our Blessed Mother. I entrust all our teachers, students and their families under the patronage of Mother of Perpetual Help, as we help our children and families to grow in faith. I am so happy that all our teachers attended the Catechetical conference organized by the Archdiocese and note that they are excited to begin another year of accompanying each of you in faith. I encourage all our families with children to form our children in faith and values. You are the primary teachers of faith, and our parish is the resource not only for guidance, but primarily for nourishing our faith through the Sunday Eucharist and sacramental renewal. Please bring your children to God through your example and prayer.

Our Finance team recently reviewed our annual financial statement, and I am happy to report a healthy parish with resources at hand and in reserves, to live out our mission more creatively. In the next monthly letter with the help of the finance chair, I will present in detail our financial statement and the approved budget for the current fiscal year. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

I am also excited about the newly formed Inspiration Team members who are helping our parish to live out our mission fully through the four pillars: Prayer, Time, Talent and Treasure. All of us, in one way or another, can contribute to the building up of the church by each utilizing their God-given gifts (charisms) through Prayer and the three T's. This enables our parish to be even more of an evangelizing and witnessing community.

Thank you for all your support and care for one another as we journey together as pilgrims of Hope. May the Lord Bless you abundantly with His grace and peace.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI
Pastor