November 7, 2004

Dear Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving to you and to all your loved ones!

Since the completion of its work in crafting a parish mission statement for Saint Elizabeth early in 2002, our parish pastoral council has been working to develop an inaugural pastoral plan to guide and shape the development of our parish over the next three-to-five years.

While our parish mission statement serves as the foundation and touchstone for everything we do and all that we strive to become as a parish community, the pastoral plan now being developed will be our guide to ensure that the activities and programs conducted at Saint Elizabeth are faithful to our mission and responsive to the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish community, now and in the years to come. The goals and objectives we incorporate into our pastoral plan will provide direction for the commitment of our resources in personnel, facilities, time and money to existing and proposed parish activities.

Our inaugural plan delineates three specific goals which are presented in the accompanying booklet. Because this plan will directly affect all of us and shape everything we do at Saint Elizabeth, it is very important to me as your pastor that our parishioners have an opportunity to be informed about and to contribute their insights into the goals incorporated into our pastoral plan. For this reason, we are distributing this pastoral planning booklet to every registered household in the parish, inviting you to offer your comments about our initial planning goals.

During the Advent Season our pastoral council is conducting an evening of recollection and discussion about our pastoral plan. In order to allow for greater participation by interested parishioners, this program of prayerful town meetings will be held on three Friday evenings, December 3, 10 and 17, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the parish office. I invite you to attend one of these sessions together with members of our parish pastoral council and fellow parishioners. To reserve a place for this program, please return the enclosed registration form or call the parish office.

I pray that the current efforts of our parish pastoral council will lead us all to a more faith-filled Catholic life in service to the Kingdom of God. God’s continued blessings upon you all!

Sincerely yours,

(Reverend Monsignor) Thomas M. Mullin, Pastor

Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.
(Psalm 127/1)