



## Letter from the Pastor

Rev. David Wells



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December 3 , 2020

Dear St. Martin's Parishioners,

I'm looking forward to celebrating our Centennial Year Mass with Cardinal Wilton Gregory, our clergy, religious, staff and faithful—both in person and joining through livestream—on Saturday at 4:00pm. This is a momentous occasion for our parish obviously, but also for our Archdiocese and for the church in the United States. Cardinal Gregory is the first African American head of our local church, as well as the first to be named a cardinal in the United States.

As a gift for Cardinal Gregory on the occasion of his elevation to the College of Cardinals, I propose that all of us make a food or essential item (e.g. formula, diapers) donation to the pantry over the next couple of weeks. The pantry sits squarely in the center of our campus, and it is the center of our works of charity in our community. Fittingly, the adoration chapel—temporarily closed due to COVID—and the pantry are part of the same structure, illustrating how love of God and our preferential option for the poor go hand in hand. I know that the Cardinal would prefer this gift to any other that we might give him. To drop off items for the pantry, please do so during the scheduled drop off times, which can be found on the parish website.

Upcoming in this Advent season, be aware that Fr. Tony and Deacon Bill are offering an Advent Evening of Reflection on Monday, Dec. 14. Sister Providencia and Sister Mariana are also offering a similar evening of reflection in Spanish on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Both events will be in the church, but can also be followed virtually. Lastly, we are planning an evening of Posadas/Christmas music/Christmas display extravaganza on Monday, Dec. 21. More details on that will be forthcoming.

May you know the peace of Christ and feel the urgency of encountering the Newborn King come Christmas.

In Christ,  
Fr. Dave