

**St. Catherine Laboure Parish
9740 Sappington Road
St. Louis, MO 63128**

December 17, 2025

Dear parishioners of St. Catherine Laboure,

I am writing to address facts regarding the proposed placement of a cell phone tower on the SCL property.

To provide context, an initiative to ensure the future of SCL began over a year ago in response to the parish's decrease in revenue. We decided to take a soft approach, informing the community that St. Catherine Laboure is struggling financially to remain operational. A drive to raise additional offertory provided only temporary relief. Currently, a small group of dedicated parishioners has increased their contributions, while most school families continue to receive subsidies without providing financial support to the parish.

A few months ago, we received a proposal to install a T-Mobile cell tower on the SCL property. This opportunity could provide a steady, passive monthly income with potential for growth. We were informed that a nearby tower—located less than one-third of a mile away—is scheduled for removal, creating an immediate need for a replacement in the area. After being briefed, the Parish and Finance Councils both agreed on the gathering of additional information. We then contacted the Archdiocesan Real Estate manager for further instruction. We were told that currently more than 40 cell towers have been installed on parish/school properties owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

At this time, no contracts have been signed. Our campus is the property of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and any decisions regarding parish grounds follow a thoughtful and established process. The pastor consults with the Parish Council, the Finance Council, and the Archdiocesan Real Estate Department before moving forward. Our intention is to inform all St. Catherine Laboure members once a decision has been made.

My prayer for 2026 includes a more united SCL community—one in which everyone works together for the good of the parish, its ministries (including the day school and PSR), and its organizations, all of which depend on the continued life of St. Catherine Laboure Catholic church.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Dominic". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "D" and "M". Below the signature, the number "31" is written.

Fr. Dominic