

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to St. Catherine Labouré Parish! Whether you have been a member of this community for decades or are just beginning your journey with us, we are so deeply grateful for your presence. Your unique gifts, your prayers, and your commitment to our faith are what make this parish a vibrant home. It is a joy to walk alongside you as we seek to follow Christ and grow in holiness together.

As a community under the patronage of St. Catherine Labouré, we share a profound connection to the Vincentian tradition. St. Catherine was a daughter of Charity, a spiritual daughter of St. Vincent de Paul, and she lived a life defined by humble service and radical trust in God's providence.

Today, we want to extend a specific challenge to every member of our parish family: to live the charism of St. Vincent de Paul in your daily lives.

St. Vincent de Paul famously said, *"It is not enough to love God if my neighbor does not love him."* Living this charism means more than just prayerful reflection; it requires active, compassionate love. We challenge you to:

- See Christ in the Marginalized: Look for the "hidden" needs in our neighborhood and beyond.
- Practice "Love Inventive to Infinity": Find creative, practical ways to serve those who are lonely, suffering, or in need.
- Live with Humility and Simplicity: Emulate the quiet strength of St. Catherine by putting others' needs before your own.

We welcome you to walk with us on this journey of faith. Thank you for the ways you already serve, the way you welcome the stranger, and the way you support one another in times of trial.

We look forward to seeing how God will work through you this year. May the intercession of St. Catherine Labouré and St. Vincent de Paul guide us as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

In Christ,
Fr. Dominic Ngangah, cm
Pastor

