

## The Church of the Assumption

April 15, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

I hope you have read Bishop Barber's letter regarding the embezzlement of funds and who the perpetrator was in committing this crime. I want to assure you this situation will not be repeated. I apologize for the anger and disappointment you may be feeling. I can certainly understand if you are disappointed and have a loss of trust in the parish stewardship.

The bishop's letter outlined many of the procedural changes the finance committee recommended. Those recommendations have been put into place and are already in practice. There are other procedures the finance committee is currently taking steps to administer and will share with the community once they are applied.

Let me be very clear: I am making every effort that those procedures will be put into practice. As pastor, regaining your trust is of paramount importance to me. I know it will take great effort and time, and I am committed to that effort.

I appreciate your continued support both financially and spiritually and ask that we pray for one another. Let us move forward knowing we will come through this united in our faith and stronger as a community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo
Parochial Administrator for Assumption Parish.

