

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH

May 31, 2026

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



St. Paul the Apostle Church

23 South 5th Ave. (Access from corner of 6th & Raritan Ave.)
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Guardian Angels Church

37 Plainfield Ave. (Access from Market Street)
Edison, NJ 08817

Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance by appointment

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul the Apostle Church

Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude: Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Church

Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Deacon Edward Krupa & Deacon Ubaldo Valdes (part-time)

Maria Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Bridget O'Connor: Director R.E.

Parish Membership: We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. **The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a person is not active parishioner.**

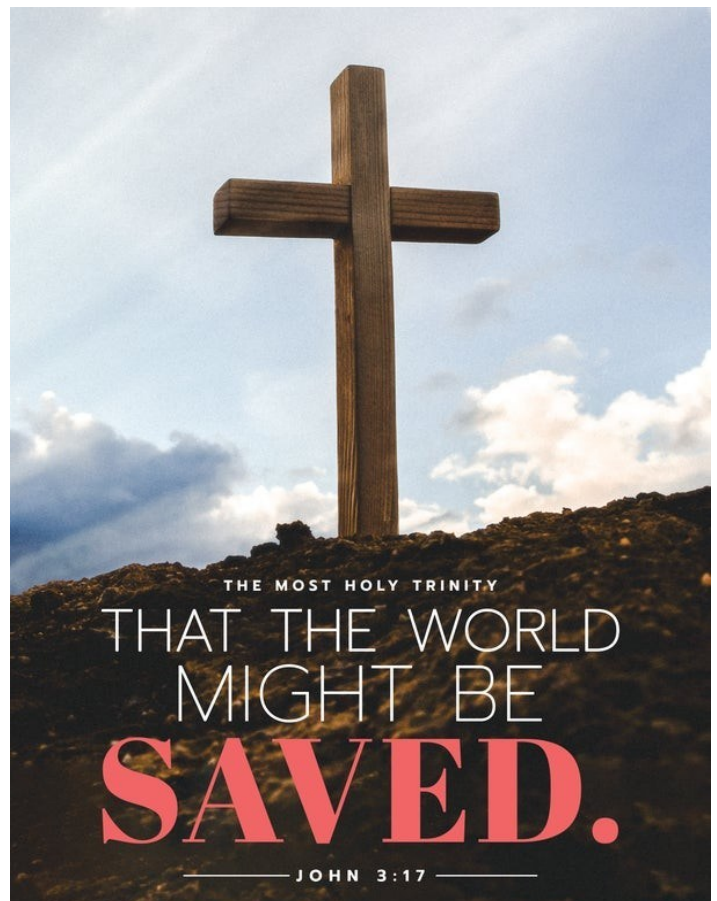
The Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Matrimony: The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 30

Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. **Noreen Fitzgerald†**,
by *Andy & Ginny Czech*

Sunday, May 31: The Most Holy Trinity

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Elsie Gerhad†**
Amelio Angelini†, by *Fiorella Varleri-Stark*
12:30 p.m. **Elvira, Juan, Beatriz, Marcela y**
Cristobal Varconez†
Filiberto Garcia†, by *Andrés Garcia*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Rev. Francis E. Suchanek**
by *Patricia Suchanek*
11:00 a.m. **Margaret “Peggy” Marlow†**,
by *Rich Marlow*
Noreen Fitzgerald†,
by *Rich Marlow*

Monday, June 1

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, June 2

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Elaine Stemmer†**, by *Pat Rinaldi*

Wednesday, June 3

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Carmen “Pete” Manero†**

Thursday, June 4

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Antonio Roubot†**, by *Family*

Friday, June 5

St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Dan Varady**

Saturday, June 6

Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Jean & Bill Mikita**
4:00 p.m. **Edilberto Zoleta & Family**,
by *Josie, Feli and Eden*
Terrance L. Mc Comiskey†,
by *Cathy McComiskey*
Noreen Fitzgerald†, by *Dolores LeVan*

Sunday, June 7 : The Most Holy Body and Blood of
Christ—Corpus Christi

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Thomas P. Stewart†**
Amelio Angelini†, by *Teresa Fronzuti*
12:30 p.m. **Por la salud de Marco e Irma Flores**,
by *Gudalupe y Nee*

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Michael Kopu**, by *Patricia Suchanek*
Bernice Kaslavage†, by *Peter Milicia*
11:00 a.m. **Gary Castaline†**, by *Michele & Brian Pickett*

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday, June 6 **4:00 p.m.**

Lector: **Michael Romano**

Eucharistic Minister: **Vivian Luna**

Ushers: **R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon**

Sunday, June 7 **8:00 a.m.**

Lector: **Ryan Salamante**

Eucharistic Minister: **Lourdes Brizuela**

Ushers: **A. Damone, M. Mehalick**

Sunday, June 7 **11:00 a.m.**

Lector: **Peter Staples**

Eucharistic Minister: **Judy Barta**

Ushers: **T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday, June 7 **9:30 a.m.**

Lectors: **Joan Jobbins**

Aaliyah Rectos

Eucharistic Minister: **Betty Lou Varady**

Ushers: **J. Adadevoh**

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfiguration-parish.com/ to learn of events in our Parish.

Donors invited for the following items for 2026:

Breaking Bread Hymnals (Guardian Angels): **Paul Bravo**

Breaking Bread Hymnals (St. Paul's): **Garlatti Family**

Misa del Dia: \$1,000 (Hispanic Community)

Wine: **In memory of Arlene & William Eichler**

Hosts: **Anonymous**

Hosts (Gluten Free): **Anonymous**

Palm Leaves: **Anonymous**

Candles \$ Candle Oil: **In memory of D'Amico & Romano Families**

For more information please contact Fr. Abraham Lotha

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Rodney Afonso, Jimmy Andrade, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belsky, Lucca Bernal, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, John Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Sarah Esposito, Angelica Francois, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Maggie Keogh, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Jean & Bill Mikita, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Joseph Skalla, Steve & Alice Marie Sloss, Donna E. Smith, Alice Sporer, Alyssa Stagno, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szaranowski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Jeanette Wiegartner, William B. Zalek, and JoAnn Zullo.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Kyle P. Chanley, US Army. Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines. First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force. Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines. SPC. Brandon D'Souza. Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force. Captain Michael Asprocola, Army Sgt. Michael Tutalo, Marines. Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army. Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy. SR Cullen McArdle, Navy. Sgt. Juan A. Alejandro, Army. Jake Loftus, USN, 2nd Lt. Brennan Skirzenski US Army. Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

Sanctuary Candles

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or a special intention at either Guardian Angels or St. Paul's for a donation of \$25.00. Enclose your offering in an envelope with information and put in an envelope with information and put in collection basket or mail or bring it to the parish office.

First Communion Students 2026

Congratulations to the following students who receive First Communion on Sunday, May 31st. Thank you to their teachers and aides.

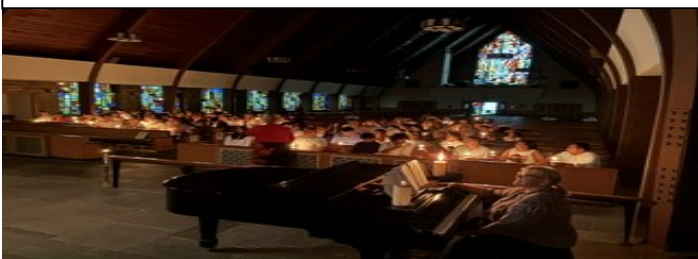
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| 1. Gabriel Arellano | 16. Ethan Hernandez |
| 2. Jordy Ayala | 17. Otto Hernandez |
| 3. Mila Canales | 18. Leylah Rodriguez |
| 4. Max Cedeno | 19. Nathaniel Aleman-Saavedra |
| 5. Chloe David | 20. Valerie Perez |
| 6. Ava DeJesus | 21. Aleshka Avila-Vega |
| 7. Vincent DeLorenzo | 22. Erick Cervantes |
| 8. Alexa Espino-Soto | 23. Marisol Chanez |
| 9. Violet Garcia | 24. Abimael Espinol |
| 10. Ian Hernandez | 25. Alyson Guarnero |
| 11. Christopher Rodriguez | 26. Angel Lujah de la Rosa |
| 12. Kenya Aleman-Saavedra | 27. Jeremiah Muniz |
| 13. Jordan Chanez | 28. Christopher Vega Mesia |
| 14. Rosemary Flores | 29. Giovanni Vega Mesia |
| 15. Violet Hernandez | |

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, June 14, 2026
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Guardian Angels Grounds
Burgers, hot dogs, watermelon and drinks!
\$15.00/adult and kids under 10 free!



Candle lit Confirmation at Guardian Angels Church on Wednesday, May 20. Congratulations, Confirmandi!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

- June 14: Parish Picnic
- July/August: Spaghetti Dinner
- August 22: Summer 50/50 Raffle
- October 9: Bingo Burger
- November 15: Tricky Tray
- November 14/15 & 21/22: Thanksgiving Offering
- December 5: Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 5: Ministries Appreciation Dinner
- December 27: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	5/24/2026
Offertory	\$4,395.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 141.00

Energy Cost

Our next project will be to our **Energy Cost Project.**

Shop Rite	\$ 450.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 1,115.00
Total (5/24/2026)	\$1,565.00

eGIVING



eGiving lets you streamline your stewardship and support Transfiguration of the Lord Parish grow the ministries you care about most. eGiving provides steady, consistent support so we can empower our mission in support of our parish families and our community. Sign up at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/transfigurationhp> or call their toll free number: (866)930-4774 x6.

Second Collection

The Second Collection scheduled for this weekend is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. The proceeds benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign (national and local levels) and the Catholic University of America.

National Consecration to the Sacred Heart

In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June. There will be a novena leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12). It will begin on June 3 and end on June 11. You can find suggested prayers for each day of the novena at this link: <https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>. For more information go to: <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>. You can also go to the diocesan Office of Worship resources page for this information: <https://diometuchen.org/resources-1>.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR
Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 31 de mayo de 2026, Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m.

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parroquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una Fe mayor en Él.

Lectores: Bertha Rojas y Cristobalina Gutierrez
(5/31/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Díaz (5/31/2026)

Lectores: Irene Manzanares y Josefa Rivera (6/7/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Martínez 6/7/2026)

Membresía Parroquial

Nuevos residentes de la comunidad son bienvenidos a registrarse como feligreses. También les pedimos que cualquier cambio de dirección, correo electrónico o número de teléfono sea sometido a la oficina de la parroquia con prontitud.

El sacramento del bautismo

El bautismo es la celebración a través de la cual un niño es llevado a la fe de la Iglesia Católica. Los padres deben estar registrados y practicando miembros de la parroquia. Los padres están obligados a asistir a una clase pre bautismal. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes y poder obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su parroquia.

RCIA

Cualquiera que se sienta llamado por Dios para convertirse en miembro de la Iglesia Católica participa en el programa RCIA. Una serie de instrucciones y ceremonias litúrgicas diseñadas para dar buena información en la fe católica.

Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos

Cualquier feligrés que esté enfermo, envejecido o incapacitado puede recibir la eucaristía en casa. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia.

Magnífica Humanitas

La Encíclica del Papa León XIV sobre la custodia de la persona humana en el tiempo de la inteligencia artificial

La dignidad del ser humano como criterio para orientar el progreso tecnológico.

El Papa León XIV, al presentar al mundo y a todo el pueblo de Dios su primera Carta Encíclica sobre la custodia de la persona humana en tiempo de la inteligencia artificial, declaró: "Invito a todos los miembros de la Iglesia y de la familia humana: aprendamos a escucharnos unos a otros, afrontemos con valentía los desafíos presentes y cooperemos en la construcción de una sociedad más humana y fraterna. [...] Por favor, lleven con ustedes el compromiso de permanecer despiertos y ser 'artesanos de esperanza' para seguir construyendo la obra de nuestro tiempo. Que el Espíritu del Señor Resucitado sostenga nuestro trabajo común".

**Exhortación Apostólica Dilexi Te
Del Santo Padre León XIV Sobre el Amor
hacia los Pobres**

Liberar a los cautivos

61. La espiritualidad original de estas Órdenes estaba profundamente arraigada en la contemplación de la cruz. Cristo es el Redentor de los cautivos por excelencia, y la Iglesia, su cuerpo, prolonga este misterio en el tiempo. Los religiosos no veían en el rescate una acción política o económica, sino un acto casi litúrgico, una ofrenda sacramental de sí mismos. Muchos entregaron sus propios cuerpos para sustituir a los prisioneros, cumpliendo literalmente el mandamiento: «No hay amor más grande que dar la vida por los amigos» (Jn 15,13). La tradición de estas Órdenes no cesó. Al contrario, inspiró nuevas formas de acción frente a las esclavitudes modernas: la trata de personas, el trabajo forzoso, la explotación sexual, las distintas adicciones. La caridad cristiana, cuando se encarna, se convierte en liberadora. Y la misión de la Iglesia, cuando es fiel a su Señor, es siempre proclamar la liberación. Aún en nuestros días, en los que existen «millones de personas —niños, hombres y mujeres de todas las edades— privados de su libertad y obligados a vivir en condiciones similares a la esclavitud», dicha herencia es continuada por estas Órdenes y por otras Instituciones y Congregaciones que actúan en las periferias urbanas, las zonas de conflicto y los corredores migratorios. Cuando la Iglesia se arrodilla para romper las nuevas cadenas que aprisionan a los pobres, se convierte en signo de la Pascua.

62. No se puede concluir esta reflexión sobre las personas privadas de libertad sin mencionar a los reclusos que se encuentran en los distintos centros penitenciarios de preventivos y de penados. A este respecto, cabe recordar las palabras que el Papa Francisco dirigió a un grupo de ellos: «Para mí, entrar en una cárcel es siempre un momento importante, porque la cárcel es un lugar de gran humanidad [...]. De humanidad probada, a veces fatigada por dificultades, sentimientos de culpa, juicios, incomprensiones, sufrimientos, pero al mismo tiempo cargada de fuerza, de deseo de perdón, de deseo de rescate». Este deseo, entre otros, también fue asumido por las Órdenes redentoras como un servicio preferencial a la Iglesia. Como proclamaba san Pablo: «Esta es la libertad que nos ha dado Cristo» (Ga 5,1). Y esa libertad no es sólo interior: se manifiesta en la historia como amor que cuida y libera de todas las ataduras.

Indulgencia de San Francisco:

En enero de 2026, el Papa León XIV proclamó el Año Jubilar de San Francisco por los 800 años de su muerte. Durante este jubileo (10 de enero de 2026 a 10 de enero de 2027) se concede **indulgencia plenaria** a quienes, cumpliendo las condiciones habituales, peregrinan a una iglesia franciscana o templo dedicado a San Francisco y participan en una celebración litúrgica o dediquen un tiempo a la oración.

Today's new issues (res novae):

- Artificial Intelligence
- Digitalisation
- New technological capabilities

Risks:

- △ Concentrated power (often in private hands)
- △ Automated decision-making
- △ Loss of human control

✂️ "What direction should we choose as people and as a human community?" MH 4

TWO ROADS AHEAD OF US:

<p>Babel</p> <p>Humanity without God Uniformity Dehumanisation</p>	<p>Jerusalem</p> <p>God at the centre Diversity as a source of richness Brotherhood / Collaboration</p>
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✂️ "Never has humanity had such power over itself." MH 6

The Tower of Babel Syndrome

- Profit before people
- Reducing people to mere data
- Growing inequalities
- Loss of dignity

Choose "Nehemia's way"

- build together
- Dialogue
- Listening
- Inclusion
- Shared responsibility

✂️ "No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing." MH 13

4 PILLARS FOR BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

- 1 Relationship with God
- 2 Accepting human limitations
- 3 Shared responsibility
- 4 Language that unites

✂️ "When human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace." MH 15

Let us not build another Tower of Babel; let us become builders of communion!



SILVER and GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 18, 2026 – 3:00 PM

Couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service. Registration is required. Free-will offerings are appreciated. For questions, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
 32 Elm Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840

Here's the link to register: <https://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>

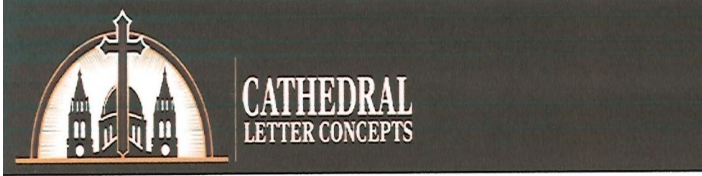
2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information

Goal:	\$48,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$28,462.75
Recurring Gift	\$0.00
Recurring Received	\$0.00
Amount Received:	\$23,968.25
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$19,537.25)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	59.30%
Percent of Goal Received:	49.93%
Average Gift Amount:	\$281.81

Rosary Rally

Please join us on Saturday, June 20th at 11:15 a.m. at Guardian Angels Grotto as we pray the Rosary for the States celebrating the anniversary of the overturning of Roe vs Wade .



Dear Father Lotha,

Please accept our sincere apology for the continuing envelope production issues we have experienced since the beginning of 2026. We would like to share with you the steps we have taken to address these challenges, along with encouraging news about our operations moving forward.

Some of the delays arose after one of our major vendors declared bankruptcy late last year, affecting our supply of envelopes. Since then, we have secured additional supplier partnerships to help ensure more consistent and timely production.

In addition, we have invested more than half a million dollars in a new production line to improve efficiency and quality. Work to repair equipment failures was delayed when parts being shipped from overseas were held up for weeks in customs, but we now have installed equipment, updated programming and are using cameras to assist in ensuring quality.

We know that these investments are assisting us as we move along the path to continued on-time production and delivery. We believe the changes we have made will allow us to return to timely delivery of our envelopes to all customers shortly, and definitely by midyear.

We appreciate your continued partnership and value the feedback you provide, which helps us improve our services. If you have any questions regarding these changes or need any assistance with your account, please contact our customer service team at CustomerService@cclci.com or call 800-424-8724.

Please know that we value your continued partnership. May God bless you and your church,

Marianne W. Gaige

Marianne W. Gaige, Chairman and CEO

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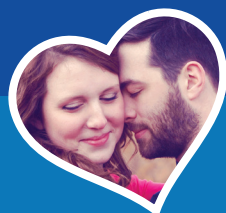
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