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Dear Father,

I am writing to ask you to promote the Summer Dues collection again this year.

The Summer Dues has become an important initiative in recent years, helping to return the Common Fund to a healthy position, supporting priests in parishes, and sick and retired priests throughout the Archdiocese. The Summer Dues has played a central role in restoring the priests' stipend back to the level it was pre-COVID. It is important that parishioners in all parishes across the Archdiocese are given an opportunity to support priests in this way.

Please convey our gratitude for their support and thank them for their contributions that sustain us daily.

The Summer Dues initiative launches this year on the weekend of 15/16th June. A poster and sample envelope accompany this letter. With your explanation and encouragement, the Summer Dues will provide people with an opportunity to express their support again this year:

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of sowing the word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day, while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34).

The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but 'we are always full of confidence' (2 Corinthians 5:6). We are full of prayer too – it is the Lord's work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us.

I wish you many blessings over the summer months.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin