



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls
Financial Administration

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Dear Account Holders:

You are receiving this correspondence as a participant in the Parish Deposit & Loan Fund Trust. As noted in the past, loan rates on the accounts in the fund are variable rates. In accord with the responsibilities assigned to it by Canon Law and Diocesan policy, the Diocesan Finance Council reviews the rates during its regularly scheduled meetings.

During its reviews, interest rate comparisons are based on market factors and benchmarks such as rates on the prime lending rate. Throughout the year, the Federal reserve has raised interest rates to 5.50%, which has increased the prime lending rate to 8.50%.

With these factors in mind, and with the increase in interest rates, the Council has recommended increasing the deposit rate from 3.00% to 3.25% and increasing the loan rate from 6.25% to 7.00% effective November 1, 2023. Bishop DeGroot has accepted these recommendations. As it does at every meeting, the Diocesan Finance Council will continue to review the rates on loans as compared to market conditions and benchmarks.

The Fund continues to be an effective vehicle for parishes to obtain financing at favorable interest rates while providing reasonable returns for parishes looking to invest their reserves, all while assuring the long-term stability and viability of the Fund in a cooperative effort among parishes. As always, thank you for your participation in this collaborative program.

Please contact me at (605) 988-3733 or sjohnson@sfcatholic.org, or Debra Miller at (605) 988-3760 or dmiller@sfcatholic.org if you should have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Johnson".

Scott A. Johnson

Director of Finance

Cc: Most Reverend Donald E. DeGroot