

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
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To the People of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

About eight years ago when Our Lady Star of the Sea became a tithing parish, faith-filled witnesses from the surrounding region came here to tell us about their experience of tithing – God’s biblical plan for giving.

When we introduced our parish to tithing, we were in the midst of planning and building the Athletic Center that was dedicated by His Eminence, Cardinal Edward Egan in November 2002. Our parish responded enthusiastically to God’s call (Malachi 3: 8-10) to have faith enough in Him, to dedicate a portion of your income to Our Lady Star of the Sea and other worthy causes. Your generosity helped us pay for the Athletic Center without assuming any debt.

Thanks to your generous response, our parish has been richly blessed and we are in a financial position that enabled us to begin renovating our church. Those of us that have committed to tithing have also been richly blessed. As we focus our efforts on renovating the church to expand worship space for our parish, we also must focus our efforts on meeting the financial needs of such a project.

From time to time, it is important that the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish recommit ourselves to God’s plan for tithing. Through prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, we should renew ourselves to the spirituality of tithing and spread the message to all the new people who have joined our growing parish in the last few years.

The Tithing Recommitment Weekend will be October 4-5, 2008. There will be no pledge cards and no one will visit your home. Your commitment is between you and your God. I encourage you to attend Mass that weekend with an open mind and open heart to receive, or once again receive, what the Lord may say to you about tithing.

As always, the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Conway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway
Pastor