



# CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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*Dear Sacred Heart Parishioner,*

Every ten years or so, it is important that a parish execute a census. Our last census of the Church of the Sacred Heart was taken in 2004. This vital **current** information from both new and longtime parishioners provides us with valuable data to better serve you, our parish family and more accurately address our financial commitments to the Diocese of Metuchen.

We want to be sure that you are counted and need your help! In addition to knowing who our parishioners are, how many households and individuals we have, and where they live, there are other important pieces of information that we need to gather. For example: Are you married or single? Adult children living with their parents should be registered separately. As a married couple, were you married in the Church by a priest? Have the children in your family received the sacraments of Baptism/First Holy Communion/Confirmation? Are your children currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program? Is there an individual in your family with special needs who may benefit from a visit by a priest, Eucharistic minister, or a member of our Social Concerns Ministry? From your personal treasure of time and talent, how do you give God thanks? In your financial giving, do you use offertory envelopes or support the parish online?

If you are attending the Church of the Sacred Heart and wish to be counted as an active member of this parish, I ask that you please complete and return the enclosed census form today. Who is an "active" parishioner? An active member is registered, attending Mass weekly, and contributing in some way from time, talent, and financial support of the Church either by using church offering envelopes or online giving. The information provided will assist us in managing our parish events, services, and budget. All census information is kept in strict confidence.

► *If we do not hear from you by **October 31, 2017**, we will accept this as your response **to delete your name** as a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart.* Please note that adult children over the age of 21 should be registered separately from their parents. Additional census forms are available at the entrances of the church and on the parish website: [www.churchofthesacredheart.net](http://www.churchofthesacredheart.net). Please return completed forms to the parish office at the above address or you may also return them *via* email: [admin@churchofthesacredheart.net](mailto:admin@churchofthesacredheart.net).

For further information and assistance, please call 908-756-0633 ext. 110. Thank you for your consideration and prompt response.

Respectfully yours in the Peace of Christ,

*Rev. John P. Alvarado*

Rev. John P. Alvarado, *Pastor*