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TO: Farmers and Grain Elevators

FROM: Rev. Mark J. Stoll, pastor

RE: Grain Donations

I am grateful for any and all donations which are made to the parish for the mission of the parish.

The most convenient donations are made via cash donations [cash or check] from the donors' bank account.

A custom has developed where by farmers take a load of grain to their local cooperative and ask the cooperative to write a check out to the parish.

This practice is illegal according to IRS rules. Using this procedure can jeopardize the parish, the grain cooperative, and/or the farmer.

In fact, the parish has the right and will refuse to accept grain checks using this procedure.

The proper procedure is for the farmer to transfer ownership of the grain to the parish. Then the grain cooperative would contact the parish office to notify us that we are now owners of the grain. It is then the responsibility of the parish staff to sell the grain at its discretion.

I have attached a memo from our Diocesan Office of Finance [Royce Ranniger] explaining the importance of this grain donation procedure which is to be followed in all parishes of the Diocese, with no exceptions.

I have also attached a copy of the grain transfer form you are to use if you wish to make a grain donation to one of the parishes.

I would encourage the simplest way to make a donation to the parish is to sell the grain, place the check in your bank account, and write a check out to the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Stoll, Cindy, or Julie at your parish office.

Thank you.