



THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LORD AND FOND MEMORIES AND GIFTS SHARED AND
GIVEN TO BARBARA AND ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY RETIREMENT,
ON JANUARY 1, 2022



To: Emmanuel Congregation

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings in Jesus' Name!**

My family and I were deeply moved with gratitude at the service and reception you so graciously provided on Sunday, Jan. 9, in recognition of my retirement on January 1.

You arranged for my son John, a seminarian in his 4th year, to preach in the service. His brother and sister, my mother, and our whole family were able to sit together and hear the Gospel after which Communion was also graciously received. Heaped upon this love of Christ we received in Church followed the love of the congregation (also a grace given as I am undeserving of any credit for what Christ does for us through His Gospel). Thus we shared a meal and reception you, the congregation provided, at Park Place.

Deepest thanks to all of you; To those who worked so hard to plan and arrange so lavish an event; To those who so graciously (and with such good humor) spoke at the event, to the congregation as a whole and those who contributed to the astounding monetary

gift given to pastor and for the kind cards and gifts given by individuals in addition to that; To those who attended and lent their good wishes and prayers for my blessing in retirement and to all reading this whom I have served and were unable to attend. As I confessed at the banquet, I am unworthy of any honor, since any good done through me was done by Christ through His powerful Word of Command and His Promise to bless us through these means. May you and I continue to obey His command to gather and receive His grace, that we may rejoice always and only in what He has done for us through His institution of the Ministry in the Church! May He continue to bless you through His wonderful servant, Pr. Walworth!

**With Sincere Love and Gratitude in
Christ's Eternal Grace,**

*Rev. Jack & Barb
Barely*