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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

Although I write this letter in the morning of our Parish festival, I am nonetheless proud of and thankful for all the work that our Parish volunteers placed in our celebration. At our recent AGM, I mentioned that Sacred Heart is a Parish to which a Bishop would appoint a priest as a reward for years of faithful service. After 5 years a priest and 3 years in Sacred Heart, I cannot claim years of service, but my heart is nonetheless filled with gratitude to God. I am also proud to announce that again, all of the funds raised at our Sacred Heart festival will go to support the Cowichan First Nations mission of St. Anne's Parish.

The strength of a Parish community is best measured by prayer and outreach. Our witness must be of the highest Christian caliber and yet we recognize the fact that the Church does not make herself, but is formed from the pierced Heart of Christ and sustained by his presence. With this, I will encourage all of you to prayerfully discern how to better offer your own heart in service to God in response to God's love for you. It is better to give than to receive.

With that, I am thankful to those who have offered to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. This Council serves the purpose of advising the pastor on the mission of the Parish community. A pastor must know and listen to the experience of his parishioners in order to better address the temporal and spiritual needs of the community. As I write this letter, the final candidates are unknown, but my prayer is that they and our entire community may be given the Spirit of wisdom to better to discern the will of God for our community.

To quote one of our Parish patrons, St. John XXIII: "Lord, it is your Church..."
God bless you all!

Fr David Hogman
Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish
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The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart