



To the Community of Whitby and beyond,

On the morning of December 14th 2009, members of All Saints' Anglican Church, the town of Whitby and members of the greater Durham community experienced the traumatic loss of a piece of history. The 143-year-old building, which housed All Saints' Anglican Church, Marigold Montessori School and many community outreach programs, fell victim to an unknown arsonist and burned quite extensively. We offer a special thank you to the Whitby and area fire departments for their brave actions and for saving so much of our building.

As the day went on, it was evident that there was much more going on than just the fire; an entire community was bonding together. The outpouring of love and caring was tremendous and was deeply felt by all.

Ninety-five hampers prepared for needy families were to be distributed that day, but the fire put an abrupt end to that plan. Upon getting the news, the media started spreading the word and in the days that followed, not only were all the hampers replaced but gifts and provisions were collected to meet future needs.

Clergy and parish leaders, who were on the scene, experienced such inspiring circumstances as strangers handing financial contributions to them, and making remarkably generous offers of help and of support.

Plans are already underway to reconstruct our building. With the faith of our parishioners, the many skills of the construction team, the power and help of members of the community along with the prayers of all our friends in Christ, we will be back to full strength in no time and thanking God for everything he offers us.

In closing, the lay leadership along with the congregation of All Saints' Church wish to reach out and thank all those who have offered their assistance.

For further information, please visit our website at www.allsaintswhitby.org

Once again,

Thanks

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Our Mission Statement: All Saints' is a Christ-centered community of diverse people, inspired, led and challenged by the Holy Spirit. We strive to be welcoming, accepting and compassionate in our relationships and in our care for others. We yearn in heart and in mind for a deeper vision of God and for ways in which we, at All Saints', can work together, within the parish and beyond, to love God and our neighbours as ourselves.