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Dear Members of St. Raymond (and St. Raymond friends),

It is now five days after the parish bazaar, and most of us are still exhausted. Personally, I'm sick and tired of seeing flour, sugar and butter. In the old days I made it a point to send individual thank-you notes to each person who helped make the bazaar the success that it was. With Louise's departure and with many of the nuts and bolts for the air conditioning landing on my desk or in my lap (take your pick), personal thank-you notes are probably not going to happen. Having said all of that, however, that does not mean that the gratitude is any less sincere.

Many of you sacrificed untold hours and days, along with blood, sweat and tears (not to mention your own cash) for our parish family, and that is exactly what we try to be, with God's help: The Lord's family and family to each other. People often hear me say that getting ready for the bazaar is my favorite time in the parish, and it truly is. Hopefully, we made some new friends over the weekend, and pray God, perhaps some poor souls who have not been in church in a while might just find their way back simply because of some kind word that was spoken that weekend. None of it would have been possible without you, and we are all truly thankful. There are not enough words to express our debt of gratitude. I am truly humbled and honored to be your priest.

With Much Gratitude,

Eddie