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Rev. Richard Cilano
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Dear Father Richard,

Thank you for your gracious hospitality and generosity on the occasion of the official merger celebration for St. Mary's Church, Pavilion and Immaculate Conception Church, East Bethany coming together now as one parish known as Mary Immaculate. I am most grateful for all your kindness as well as your generous gift.

I wish to extend my congratulations to you and all who assisted you with the celebration on Sunday, August 15th. Everyone did such an excellent job. The liturgy, the music and the dinner were wonderful, meaningful and truly a celebration of parish family. Both renovated church buildings also look magnificent!

Be assured Richard, of my grateful and prayerful best wishes for you as the dedicated pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish and for all that you have done and continue to do to bring the Catholic Community of Pavilion and East Bethany together. It was obvious by the spontaneous applause at the Mass that the parishioners deeply appreciate you and your effective pastoral leadership. I join them in applauding you with my own sentiments of appreciation and esteem.

May God bless you and all the parishioners entrusted to your care. Ad multos gloriosque annos!

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec
Bishop of Buffalo