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Dear Parishioners;

So I have had what I have been told is becoming a very common fall, Kelowna, experience. I have some unwanted house guest in the form of rats. These are the first signs of any rodents in the three plus years that I have been in this rectory, so I have to say that I have been very lucky up to now.

Someone asked me if this meant that I was going to get a cat, but that would be a case of the cure being worse than the cause. Rats make you keep a cleaner house, where as if I get a cat to get rid of the rats, I then will be stuck with a larger pest that has to be taken to a veterinarian from time to time and at a cost I don't want to afford.

I do respect a good "Mouser Cat" who earns their sardines, but then they want to keep bringing you things like dead birds and such, so in the end, they really only come with their own problems. No offense to all the cat lovers out there, I am sure your cat is a perrrrfect pet.

Now, the thing of it is, I don't have anything against rats per say. I just have one rule, and that is that outside stuff needs to live and thrive outside, and that if they come inside, then all bets are off. If I can get the offending entity out the door without bringing it harm then I try to do that, otherwise, it is me against them.

So I phoned a pest control company and they arrived within hours of my call and put out some feeding traps, so we will see who ends up winning this battle of wills and wits. In the meantime, I have to be vigilant with my tidiness and I am not very good at that.

I thought for a while about how to segue into my next topic but I couldn't come up with anything so I'll just say how well this year's Turkey Dinner went. We reached our goal of selling 200 tickets and

we had plenty of hands on deck in the kitchen and with meal preppers.

I want to thank Kate in the office and the Hoffman crew again this year. They worked very hard in the planning so that the actual event went off without a hitch. They did a fine job and especially with all of the guidelines and restriction because of the Pandemic.

We raised approximately \$3,000.00 on 200 meals, and we were able to donate all of the left overs to Freedom's Door who were glad for the home-cooked food. Holding our 95th Annual Turkey Dinner though, was never really about raising money. I figured that if past generations of Rutlanders could pull it off no matter the challenges, then we could too, even during a Pandemic, so good for us.

What is about raising money though (now there is a segue), is the great work of our Canadian, Catholic Development and Peace. The least of our sisters and brothers in the Developing World need us to continue to support them as they work to create a better life for their families and villages.

D&P is not a hand out. Rather, it is an engine of opportunities for people to raise themselves above the poverty that threatens them and their families. D&P is about dreaming new dreams and the tools a person needs to create pride, and have the ability to have enough to live the Christian life and help their neighbours.

And it is about them being grateful for us and our faith and our generosity. You can mail or drop your donation off at the parish office or in the collection basket or you can go directly to the D&P website at devp.org to make your life changing donations.

The following is a prayer offered first by St. Thomas Moore (1478-1535) who was beheaded for his troubles;

The things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me the grace to labour for. Amen.

May God be gracious to us and bless us, now and forever.

Pat Monette/Pastor