

St. Louis Catholic Church

John and Dot Easter

January 5, 2016

Dear John and Dot,

The St. Louis Pastoral Council wishes to express its deepest thanks and gratitude for your faithful service and unparalleled dedication to Jesus Christ and to St. Louis Church.

Your willingness to generously use your gifts to serve the parishioners of St. Louis for more than 36 years exemplifies the sacrificial commitment and dedication you both have demonstrated throughout your lives. Your devotion to our parish reflects the same steadfast faithfulness that was embodied in John's service to two presidents of the United States as a Marine during a 33-year career, and Dot's unsung role as a Marine Corps spouse, whose quiet sacrifice is heroic.

Among the many ministries that you have served in for more than three decades, you are especially well-known in our parish for your involvement in the Hospitality Ministry, and many families throughout the years have been treated to your warm greetings and smiles when attending Mass. We also thank you for your support of the Bereavement Ministry and for being involved in many, many Clarksville Picnics.

You both are truly reflections of God's love and caring. The outward witness of your faith in Christ through your commitment to serving and ministering to others is reminiscent of the Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," for you have faithfully served in accordance with the command of our Lord in the Book of Revelation:

"... Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

(Revelation 2:10)

We again thank you for all you have done for St. Louis, for the many lives that you have touched over the years, and for all the many gifts you have shared. May God abundantly bless you both and those that you love.

*With sincerest appreciation
St. Louis Pastoral Council*

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