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My Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever had a crisis? I think you might be about to have another one!

But it's not a crisis like you might think, and it's not necessarily bad. In the Greek language, the word *krisis* (from which we get our word, "crisis") meant "*decision*". It suggested a decisive change. In other words, when faced with a *krisis*, a person could go one way or the other—but there was no straddling the fence.

Jesus forced a "crisis" on a lot of people. That is, they had to choose whether to accept him, or not. And along with that, came the consequences of their choice.

There are different times in our lives when we have to make serious decisions and accept the consequences. (Of course, we can avoid making a decision. However, that is itself a decision, and usually a bad one.)

I think our Parish is approaching a *krisis*, but I think it's a good thing, and exciting. We are all being challenged with the ***Call to Discipleship***, and I urge you to risk responding positively to that call.

We've begun reflecting on discipleship about two months ago, and there are still a lot of dimensions of discipleship that we need to explore. Right now, for a few weeks at least, our parish families are dealing with a down-to-earth choice: their level of financial support of the Parish for the coming year. There is a commitment card enclosed that should be returned in two weeks, on the feast of Christ the King. This is a tough economic time. No one is being asked to give more than they can, but everyone is being asked to think, pray, and make a commitment.

Please take the time to read the enclosed brochure in its entirety. What to do with the choices? Well... the decision is yours.

Keep praying for our Parish, as I do every night.

In Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Michael G. Savickas
Pastor