**Sample # 1 Segment C Parish Offertory Letter**

 DATE

Dear <<Name>>,

 For many of us our Easter season is looking very different as we continue to navigate through all the challenges of COVID-19. We may be feeling sorrowful, anxious and like something is missing from our lives especially since we are unable to gather in person for Mass at <<Parish Name>>.

 In the Gospel of John we hear the story of Mary Magdalene weeping outside the tomb of Jesus. She fears someone took Him. However, she soon discovers He was right there with her just like He is walking with each of us today. How awesome is this!

 Now more than ever the world needs our Catholic faith. It is through our faith we find peace, joy and love. During these unsettling times it is important for us to pray daily, check in on our friends and family and if you are able to do so, share our gifts with those in need.

 Many of you who regularly give at Mass have begun to mail your check to us. Some have set up a credit card or electronic fund transfer to support our parish. More families are using our secure online giving page at <<website link>> to make their gifts. Please prayerfully consider making your gift to <<Parish Name>>. I am grateful for you and your generous support of our parish.

 Through your offertory giving we are able to help families in need of spiritual and other support. We are able to creatively continue to reach out to our youth to help them grow in our Catholic faith, provide the Sacraments and walk with grieving families.

 Just like Mary Magdalene had her hope restored at the tomb of Jesus, your gift helps restore hope to many people in our parish and community. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of <<name of parish>>.

 If you need anything, please call me at <<phone number>> or email me at <<email>>. I care about you and miss you. I look forward to when we will be able to gather is person for Mass and other parish activities. Until then, I keep you and your loved ones in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

 Yours in Christ,

 <<Priest Signature>>

 <<Priest Printed Name>>