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The Little Thrift Shop
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
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Dear Friends in Christ:

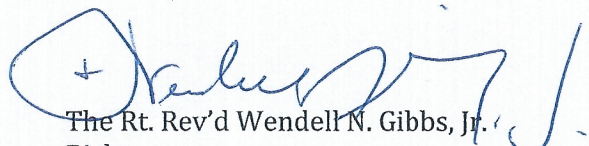
It is my great joy and honor to send my expressions of appreciation and thanksgiving for the 60 years of ministry of St. Michael's "Little Thrift Shop". Since your doors opened on March 14, 1958 you have contributed to the life and wellbeing of the church and the larger community. In many ways you have lived and continue to live out your baptismal promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons." The many, many volunteers who have contributed time and talent to this Ministry are a living sign of Christ's love and presence in the Grosse Pointe Woods community.

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, is fond of reminding us that we are members of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement! As such, we are continuously called to love our neighbors and serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Our baptism certainly bestows upon us a share in Christ's eternal priesthood as it calls forth from us a commitment to be as Christ to one another, seeking not to be served, but to serve! The great work of the Little Thrift Shop is not only found in the donated goods that are shared with those in need, but also, your great work is magnified through the time spent listening to the individuals who come through the doors as you offer comfort and support. You indeed are Jesus Movement people!

Your commitment to share with those who come into the Little Thrift Shop as well as your commitment to share with other charitable organizations whose missions stretch throughout this region and around the world makes you true servants of the world and vital members of the Body of Christ. I am so proud to be your bishop and to be able to take this moment on behalf of the Diocese of Michigan and all those you serve to say, Thank you; well done!

May God continue to bless you and those you touch by your selfless gift of service!

Faithfully,



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