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Dear varTitle varFirstName varLastName,

Greetings from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men of Action

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (John 20:9)

Having just concluded Lent and now entering into the season of Easter our hearts and heads are full! Our hearts are full from the outpouring of God's love manifested in Easter. Our heads are full after the self discovery that happened during a five-week message series about "making sense of God not making sense." Like those first disciples, there is much we don't understand and like those disciples, we are eager to be led into a closer relationship with God by both our hearts and our heads.

Seriously, God? authored by Michael White and Tom Corcoran provided the companion book to our Lenten message series led by Fr. Gary Mayer, our pastor, these past six weeks. Tackled in the series were challenging topics such as unanswered prayers, corrupt and unjust leaders, suffering, and loss. During the course of the series, the parish was invited to shift perspective in confronting these familiar obstacles in our understanding of God's love. From recognizing ourselves in the unhealthy part of the faithful son's relationship with his father in the prodigal son parable to exploring why pain can be part of God's plan, we have been on a journey of greater discovery and understanding that has improved our relationship with God.

We continue to have you in our prayers daily. Those prayers include petitions of thanksgiving, requests for strength, and appeals for greater understanding. We pray prayers of thanksgiving that you were called to your vocation. We pray prayers of strength for you to continue your ministry. And we pray prayers of understanding that God will become more known to you as he became more known to the early disciplines.

Your brothers in Christ,