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Dear Parents,

Re: My Surprise Birthday Party

I wish to thank you for the wonderful celebration you prepared for me on Saturday last, 9 February, to celebrate my birthday. I am still wondering how you kept this a secret from me because as you know a priest knows everything or so I thought.

I never had a surprise party before, so it was a double first for me. It is a memory I will treasure for years to come. Most importantly it allowed me to see how much you have welcomed me into your hearts over the last year. This is a first for me as I have often accused you of being too reserved. I am afraid I must eat humble pie and admit I was wrong. From now on I will have to keep an even closer eye on you and Michele in particular. Obviously, she mustn't have enough to do getting up to so much mischief behind my back.

Seriously though, I wish to thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I now know that my transition to Sacred Heart Parish is complete and I look forward to celebrating many other happy occasions with you.

Sincerely Yours

Father John Madden