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WHEELCHAIR MINISTRIES

Dear Friends of Grace Church:

As most of you know, Deacon Colleen took ill Memorial Day weekend and has been hospitalized even since. She is at Magee Rehabilitation Center working very hard. The reality is that when she does come home, hopefully in August, she will have to use a wheelchair. This will necessitate the construction of a handicapped ramp for their home. It also pushes up on our list some modifications in the Church to accommodate seating for people in wheelchairs and increasing handicapped access to the Parish House.

Towards both of these ends, I am asking the parish to help us meet this need by making contributions to Grace Church, marked in the memo section, "Wheelchair Ministries." We will use the funds collected first to build a ramp for Deacon Colleen's home. Next, we will make accommodations in the Church for wheelchair seating. Next, we will increase the accessibility for handicapped people to the Parish House. Finally, any funds remaining will be used to start a new ministry in the fall for persons with disability.

Many of you have asked how you can help Deacon Colleen. Here's our answer. Make a donation to the "Wheelchair Ministries" fund, and we will take care of Deacon Colleen and begin a new ministry of outreach in the community. Not only will we be able to make a difference for Deacon Colleen, but we will embark upon a road to help others in our neighborhood. Please consider making a special contribution this year.

In addition, if any of you are interested in helping to design and build the handicapped ramp and perform the modifications in the Church, please speak to me. I would like to see these two projects completed in August. Thank you for your help. Please continue to keep Deacon Colleen and her family in your prayers.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat