## ALERT! TEXT SCAM

A text scam is targeting people within Ave Maria appearing to be a solicitation from Father David Vidal. This is a scam and a request for gift cards or donations via Paypal will never be made by Parish staff or priests. These requests are a scam and under no circumstances should you reply to these texts (or emails) or comply with these requests. Nor should you divulge any personal information to anyone that is not a trusted source. If you are contacted with a request for money via email or text, and the message appears as though it is from a Diocesan priest or employee, do not reply. Instead, make direct contact with the person by calling the Parish and asking to speak with the priest or employee. Per Diocesan IT, you can report these scam messages to your carrier by forwarding the message to 7726. This will help the carrier identify the number as spam and filter it out.

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