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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with deep sadness, but deeper faith and trust in the love and mercy of God, that we announce the passing of Rev. Brendan W. Downing, pastor of St. Gertrude's Church in Edgemere, Queens, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Margert Community Corporation.

Since assuming the mantle of spiritual and corporate leader some 16 years ago, Fr. Brendan presided over an unprecedented period of growth in both the agency's capacity and effectiveness in delivering affordable housing programs and services to the communities we serve.

While Margert Community Corporation remains ever faithful in pursuit of its mission, Brendan's unique vision, enlightened leadership and his missionary zeal in service to others will be missed.

Details of funeral service arrangements shall be posted to our homepage ([www.margert.org](http://www.margert.org)) as they become available.

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