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Mr. John Peragallo, Jr., President
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Dear John:

I have had several opportunities to play the completed organ at the Denville Community Church. I congratulate you and your firm on the superb rebuild of the organ.

I have been impressed with a multitude of riches. First, of course, is the principal chorus on the great. The two additional ranks make an impressive statement. The exposed pipes (and the new flooring) effectively project the sound to the congregation, and the artistic pipe arrangement enhances the appearance of the chancel.

The principal choruses on both manuals are remarkable! John III did an impressive job with electrical connections, creating the effect of mixtures where no mixtures exist. You have improved the other existing ranks also, attaining colors that were not obvious before. The swell flute has some bite, with greater harmonic development. The reed has more brilliance and blends well with the principal chorus. The dulciana has taken on new life, and "counts" at every pitch level. The electronic unit is the icing on the cake. It speaks precisely with the pipes, and does not reveal its electronic roots. I could use more brilliance in the reeds, but that may be the response of my 76-year old ears. The electronic pedal stops provide the bottom octaves that have been sorely needed.

It is amazing what you have attained with eleven ranks of pipes and an electronic unit. The build-up is seamless. Full organ is a beautifully blended sound. All of the stops work together and nothing sticks out. The organ sounds like a much larger instrument.

Thank you and your talented staff for an outstanding achievement.

Sincerely, and with a happy Christmas to all,



James W. Rooker

cc/ Rev. George Imhoff
Mr. Arnold Card