



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! As the school year begins to wrap up and graduation days mark the calendar, this Thursday, we bring to conclusion our Pastoral Council Meetings for this academic year. And so, I take this moment **to thank** our out-going members, **welcome** our new members and **share** the Pastoral Priorities which will mark the coming years.

- 1) A word of **"thank you"** to Ed Zaloga, Jeanne Astifan and David Bolten who complete their three year term on Council. Each have shared their time and energy over these years and helped us to identify Pastoral Priorities for the coming years. I am grateful for their work to our parish.
- 2) A word of **welcome** to the 7 new members of our Pastoral Council; all of whom responded to the recent call for help. Our new members are: Emme Kealey, Katy Donovan, Joseph O'Reilly, Sonny Greco, Joe Hines, James Serra and Chris Burkett. I look forward to their creativity and working with them in this coming year.
- 3) In March of 2022, parishes of the Archdiocese participated in the Disciples Maker Index (DMI). In Spring of 2023, we submitted our Pastoral Priorities to the Archdiocese. I share them here, along with our Smart Goals to be pursued in the coming years.

A) Build confidence in the teachings of the Catholic Faith through Education.

- 20% of our parishioners participating in the DMI reported that they strongly agree on "Having Confidence in the Teachings of the Catholic Church". We'd like to increase that to 25% in the next 4 years.
- 29% of our parishioners participating in the DMI reported that they strongly agree that our parish helps them in growing as a disciple. We'd like to increase that to 35% in the next 2 years.

B) Build Parish Engagement through Community.

- In 5 years, we'd like to engage 5-8 young families in participating in a new parish group or event and engage 15 new parishioners in participating in a new parish activity/ministry.

C) Foster Spiritual Growth through Joyful Witness

- 17% of our parishioners participating in the DMI reported that they strongly agree on being comfortable with sharing their personal story. We'd like to increase that to 20% in the next 4 years.

A Blessed week to everyone! Peace, Fr. Rogers

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