

July 1, 2020 – feast of Saint Junipero Serra (Apostle of California)

Praised be Jesus Christ!

**“And the apostles said to the Lord: Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5)**

Saint Paul writes in Romans, “But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14). Saint Paul writes in Corinthians. “But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness,” (1 Corinthians 1:23).

In our time, in our families and in our communities, some still see Jesus and His Bride, the Church, as a stumbling block or as foolish. During times of difficulties, Jesus and His Church can seem even to us, a stumbling block or foolish. These difficulties can only be overcome by the virtue of Faith, which was given to us at Baptism. In the example of the Apostles, we ask our Lord, “Increase our faith.”

The Formation and Evangelization Department at St. Philip the Apostle is at the service of increasing the Faith. We are a small but mighty staff, just like the mustard seed and we exist for two reasons: the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God.

We are here to assist you and your family in the preparation of the Sacraments (Baptism, First Confession and Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony). We are here to assist you and your family as we offer many opportunities to increase the Faith. These opportunities include both in person and online options to increase the Faith.

Please do not hesitate to seek our assistance. We desire to assist you in the Sacramental Life of Grace and in the most important task of increasing the Faith. Effective July 1, some of our staff have changed titles and responsibilities. We look forward to serving you. The list below can also be found at [www.stphilipcc.org/formation](http://www.stphilipcc.org/formation). During this month look for information from the staff regarding enrollment and other important information.

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Peace and Joy,

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