

September 5, 2019

Dear St. Peter Church and School Community,

After much prayer and discernment, it is with joy that I officially announce the name of our new parish building that will be built on Temperance Street. The name will be Holy Family Center. The construction of Holy Family Center will begin very soon. Please be assured that I will keep you updated on the progress of the construction. We thank God for His guiding hand throughout our preparations.

In my discernment process, various paths led me to this name. First of all, it is my prayer and desire that the name, Holy Family Center, will remind all of us to look to the Holy Family who were fashioned in perfect love by the Father, as our model for holiness. It is through their intercession that we pray to become families strong in faith and holiness bringing the Good News beyond the walls of Holy Family Center into the world each day.

In a recent letter from Archbishop Gregory Aymond to all Catholic School Administration, Faculty and Staff and to all the Catechetical leaders and Catechists serving in our archdiocese, he reminded them that they have been entrusted with a *sacred duty* to hand on the faith in collaboration with parents who are the first and primary educators and formators of their children's faith. For all of us in St. Peter Parish, it is also our *sacred duty* for our families.

Let us pray for the intercession of the Holy Family and St. Peter for our students in St. Peter Catholic School and our students in St. Peter Youth Faith Formation asking that they are strengthened and inspired as they grow in faith and holiness in their classes in Holy Family Center.

The physical presence of Holy Family Center will witness very loudly that we care about the spiritual life of the children placed in our care.

Thank you St. Peter Church and School Community!

God Bless,
Fr. Otis Young, Jr.
Pastor