

Two items in this FTP update:

[1] Archbishop Aymond is assigning a Parochial Vicar to SLKF beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017. His name is Fr. Suvakin Jebamalai Arulandu, currently serving in the Diocese of Sivagangai, in Tamilnadu, India.

I would like to have a welcome for him that will facilitate the creation of regular Parish Community Days in your Lorio Center. To that end, I have asked the Men's Club and the Busy Bees to sponsor and host receptions for Fr. Suvakin after the 4 pm vigil mass on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, AND after the 10:30 am mass on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August.

My hope is that different organizations will host such events throughout the year to build the neighborhood feeling that everyone knows everyone else.

In future updates we will discuss the September 16<sup>th</sup> Community Day sponsored by the school to focus on Family, and the October 7<sup>th</sup> Community Day, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, focusing on Our Lady.

[2] Your parish and school staff are developing a program to meet multiple needs with regard to Youth Ministry and Religious Education. The program is currently titled:

St. Louis King of France Crusade Weeks. The multiple needs addressed include:

First, the content of each week consists of religious instruction that will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements for elementary school level Parish Schools of Religion [thirty sessions, see 19.1.4 ADMINISTRATION OF CATECHETICAL PROGRAMS, <https://www.arch-no.org/system/policies/documents/000/000/021/original/T-Education.pdf?1403201458> . This will enable children to fulfill their annual requirements without attending sessions after-school or on weekends while their schools are in session.

Second, during the period between semesters, it is often difficult for families to find safe options to place their children while they themselves must go to work.

Third, circumstances of life, at times, result in children not being baptized as infants. In such cases, the church stipulates that an up-baptized child who has reached the age of seven, is to receive all three sacraments of initiation at once: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

[See Section 7.6 AGE OF CONFIRMATION :<https://www.arch-no.org/system/policies/documents/000/000/009/original/H-Confirmation.pdf?1403201283> ]

To accommodate all these needs, SLKF has developed a pilot program as follows:

**SLKF Christmas Crusade Week: December 26-30, 2017**

**SLKF Summer Crusade Week: July 30-August 3, 2018**

All participants may receive religious education credit, though ANY child can sign up, even those not in need of credits. Two Tracks will be offered simultaneously: (a) Kid Crusaders (Grades K-6), and (b) Teen Crusaders (Grades 7-10). More details to follow in future updates.

St. Louis, King of France; Pray for Us.

- Fr. Mark