A Message from the DRR

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Over the last 20 years I have been blessed to minister in the area of Life and Dignity. I have had the privilege of working with dedicated clergy and lay volunteers to build a Culture of Life in our Diocese. As I transition into the DRR role I am eager to see what new leaders will bring to the ministry.

I am excited to be called to minister in a new way within the Diocese. In just these first few months I have learned so much about the rich diversity within our parishes and the clergy who serve as pastors. I have also been learning more about the great work of each office at the pastoral center.

I am looking forward to many years of asking questions, building relationships and serving the people of God.

A Special Informational Focus:

As part of the diocesan effort to become a more unified “As One” diocese, the Diocesan Resource Representative (DRR) position was created to facilitate better communication between the Pastoral Center and pastors. This position started as additional duties added to current positions, grew into a half-time position, and now into a full-time position. Initially six pastors agreed to participate in the pilot project, meeting regularly with the DRR. When all of the Pastor changes are complete on October 1 there will be 23 pastors participating. We hope to continue to grow the project over time.

Kim Fuentes began as the full-time Diocesan Resource Representative on April 1, 2019. Her job is to meet with Pastors, Diocesan Directors and the Pastoral Center Leadership Team to facilitate a Parish Centered approach to pastoral planning. She will help parishes to find the resources necessary to solve parish issues. Resources may come from the Pastoral Center, other parishes or from local, state or national resources. She will help to identify Parishes that have “Best Practices” in an area of ministry that can be shared.

Parish Centered

Pastoral Planning in an As One Diocese is bottom-up (Parish Centered) rather than the more traditional top-down (Diocesan Centered) model.
Want to be part of the next Parish Focus?

Contact the Office of Communications. The Pastoral Center is looking for volunteers/parishes that can be added to a schedule to feature in the As One: Parish Focus. You do not have to be an "As One Parish" to be featured. If you and your parish would like to volunteer please email Joe Dondero at jdondero@stocktondiocese.org. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

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