

May 21, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Loretto Parishioners,

**OLL Pastor.** I am happy to share with you that I have been selected as the new pastor at OLL and will start in that capacity on July 1<sup>st</sup>. God willing, I will be able to serve here at least 6 years. Thank you for your prayers, support and patience! My pledge is, for me and all the priests here, to provide the best possible service for OLL. Brother Agapetos, presently the parochial associate, will be leaving in late October to return to his order in France. One of my priorities is to find a replacement just as good.

**Personnel Changes at OLL.** With sadness, I inform everyone that Erin Troy, our parish secretary for the last 20 years, submitted her resignation and her last day was May 14<sup>th</sup>. We thank Erin for 20 years of great, great service to the community and wish her the best with her future endeavors! OLL has hired Mara Lisa Barnes as its new Director of Hispanic Religion Education. She was raised in both Nicaragua and the United States and will help bridge both the English and Spanish communities. Welcome aboard Mara Lisa!

**Father Bill McCain Update.** Thank you for your prayers for Father Bill. He continues recuperating from his stroke at a rehab center in San Francisco. He is progressing slowly and able to respond to people with smiles and attentive eyes.

**OLL Youth Ministry Golf Tournament.** A reminder that the 17<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser for the OLL Youth Ministry will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Valley Golf Club. Thankfully, there will actually be a golf tournament this year with a bag lunch provided! If you are interested in participating or making a donation as a sponsor please go to our website.

**Important Parish Events.** It was difficult last year having to cancel First Communion and Confirmation services due to the pandemic, though they were later held outside. The same with the school graduation which had a modified ceremony in the parking lot. It is with great joy this year that we are able to be in the church, even with a limit of 120 persons. In early May, at several special Masses, 60 children received First Communion and 36 young people Confirmation. On Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have a graduation Mass and ceremony in the church. Please pray for God's blessings on these children.

**Adopt-a-Student Donation.** The administration and teachers at OLL School, led by Principal Kathleen Kraft and Vice Principal Jennifer Woodall, have done an incredible job coordinating safety protocols and being able to have in-person learning pretty much the whole year. As a consequence, school enrollment for next year has increased. However, at \$10,500 a year per student some families struggle to make tuition costs. Please consider making a donation to the Adopt-a-Student fund. This fund provides tuition assistance to families who otherwise couldn't send their children to our school. Your donation can impact the life of a child. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Blessings in Jesus,

Father Tony Vallecillo, Pastor-Elect