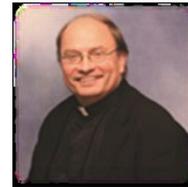


“TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY”

Dear Parishioners,

Every grouping moving toward merging in January 2021 needs to have a theme, a vision. Our vision for Grouping 327 is “Together in Faith, Hope, and Charity.” This week I’d like to briefly reflect on being together in faith and in subsequent weeks look at being together in hope and together in charity.



First, together in faith. The Nicene Creed, states “We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.”

At St. Catherine of Siena, St. Joseph, and St. Margaret Mary churches, we recite the Creed together as an act of faith. We are a pilgrim, people. The gift of the Eucharist is our spiritual food for the journey. During this time of COVID-19, we are making life adjustments. We are called to make adjustments as our grouping continues the process of becoming a new parish on January 4, 2021.

Please take a moment to review some of the steps that we will be taking toward our parish merger: Naming the New parish, Your contact information, Virtual parish assembly, Feedback, and Questions.

Naming the New Parish: We received over 240 name suggestions for our new parish. The suggestions will go through a second review through the advisory council to narrow the focus to 15 names. The 15 names will then be submitted to Bishop Zubik for review. The bishop will then recommend 5 names that will be presented to you during the virtual parish assembly.

Your Contact Information: As we go through the process of merging our parishes, and most importantly in the midst of a pandemic, it is important that we receive your current contact information in order to keep you informed and to solicit your feedback and answer questions that you may have about the new parish. You may submit any new contact information (name, address, phone, email address) via email, mail, or call your respective rectory.

Virtual Parish Assembly: Due to the pandemic, we are unable to provide for any type of live parish assembly with our large population. On September 1st, I will provide a PowerPoint overview of where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going in anticipation of our new parish on January 4, 2021. During the presentation, five parish names will be presented upon the recommendation from Bishop Zubik. More information regarding the virtual parish assembly will be provided in the coming weeks. You may also visit our website at grouping327.org and go to the tab on the top titled Merger Status. This is where all merger updates and information can be found.

Your Feedback and Questions: You will have an opportunity to participate in the final phase of choosing a parish name based on Bishop Zubik’s recommendations. Your feedback will be welcome by way of Survey Monkey, email, or paper form, September 1st through September 13th.

Yours in Christ,
Father Frank