

"TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY" - PART 3



Dear Parishioners,

Today I'd like to reflect on the third part of our theme, our vision— "Together In Charity." When couples are planning for their marriage ceremony, they often request a passage from 1 Corinthians—"Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure."

We are called to work together in charity. As we move toward merging in January 2021, let's pray for God's grace to be patient, and to be kind with each other. During this time of change, may we have a love that endures.

As we move forward towards merging in January 2021, we place our hope in Christ. Together in hope we pray for guidance. Please take a moment to review some of the steps that we will be taking toward our parish merger!

(New) Naming the New Parish: Our advisory council took next steps to narrow the focus to 15 potential parish names from a list of your suggestions. Each individual council member reviewed the list and ranked the five names in an online survey. The council then met via a virtual Zoom meeting to discuss the shortlist of results from that survey. Fifteen names were chosen, keeping in mind the rationale as it relates to our parish future and how we fit into the surrounding communities. A list of 15 names was then submitted to Bishop Zubik for review. The bishop will recommend 5 names for us by early August.

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, drop the form below in the collection basket, or call your respective rectory.

(New) 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, a video will be posted online via YouTube. A link to the presentation will be posted on our website and future communication. In the video, I will provide an 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. Included in the presentation, several parish names will be presented upon the recommendation from Bishop Zubik.

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 welcomed by way of Survey Monkey, email, or paper form, from September 1st through September 13th.

Visit our website at Group327.org and click on the tab on the top titled Merger Status. This is where all merger updates and information can be found.

God Bless You,

Father Frank