

Solemnity of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 22, 2020
The Grouping of St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. John Cantius, and Holy Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There has been a reconfiguration of groupings for the Renew My Church discernment process. St. Stanislaus Kostka has been grouped with St. John Cantius and Holy Trinity. The Archdiocese of Chicago has expedited the process of discernment which is due to begin in October. Previously we were grouped with several other parishes and we were not to begin the process until 2022.

I've already reached out to both pastors, Fr. Joshua at St. John Cantius and Fr. Andrzej at Holy Trinity in anticipation of our joint effort to reflect on the missions and ministries that are unique to each of our parishes. One thing is certain, all three of our parishes have undergone extensive restoration, revitalization, and renewal in the past several decades – truly a “resurrection” considering all three were dubbed “white elephants” and thought to have had a destiny for being shuttered forever. All three parishes have been divinely inspired to fulfill a specific call to a specific mission here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

A few years ago, after thousands had processed from St. John Cantius to St. Stanislaus Kostka via Holy Trinity, I publicly declared the wholly unique gift we bear – “Our Lady’s Triangle” – situated here in the heart of Chicago. Together we present to Chicago a “trptych sanctuary” reflecting the Church’s mysticism so sorely longed for in this era of history. The “trptych sanctuary” is St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, St. John Cantius Parish, and Holy Trinity Mission.

I look forward to working with Fr. Joshua and Fr. Andrzej as well as those who will be involved in the process of evaluating the unique gifts, we bring to the people of God today and well into the future. With confidence we prayerfully place all things in God’s hands and pray for docility and receptivity to the inner workings of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

In Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Fr. Anthony Bus C.R.