

July 10, 2022
From Father Rudy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

I am writing this message for the first time to all of you who comprise the five communities of our new family of parishes. As you know, we have begun a new journey among our parishes in accordance with the Beacons of Light process. This Beacons of Light process will take several years to shape and refine toward one faith community—a community that shares personnel, resources, and more focus “on mission than on maintenance,” as Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr said as this process was introduced.

Our new family of parishes is characterized by cultural and religious diversity. Yes, we come from all over the world and have different cultural backgrounds. However, we are united in the Risen Lord. As St. Paul says, “For through faith you are all children of God in Jesus Christ. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26-28)

This diversity among our communities is our strength and richness. It may sometimes become an obstacle for the unity of our communities if we embrace it only as a human experience. However, our diversity can be a healthy and positive journey if we embrace it as a spiritual journey and allow Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to lead us. We certainly will need every one of us to participate in this new community; no one should remain idle.

The “success” of our journey as a new family of parishes will depend on our availability and openness to the Holy Spirit, who will lead us through new pathways.

As Pastor, I will keep my eyes fixed on the Good Shepherd who said, “I have come to serve, not to be served.” (Matthew 20:28)
Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

The Comboni Missionaries are hosting “Meet the Comboni Missionaries Night” in person this year! **The event is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 13th at the Anderson Center located at 7850 Five Mile Road Cincinnati, OH 45230.** Listen to our missionaries as they share stories from their experiences in missions around the world. Stay after to talk one-on-one with the missionaries and ask questions. This event is free.

Golden Anniversary Mass- Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday August 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Please register to attend by completing the online form at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>.

“Every time we open our hearts to Jesus, God’s blessing enter our live.” ~~
Pope Francis



GARDEN RENOVATION HELP— We still have a few garden beds left that need a little tender care. We are still welcoming native plants if anyone has some to divide or donate, as well as shrubs for along the back fence. We are still looking for volunteers to help plant flowers, clean, re-structure as well as maintain the area. If this is something that interest you please send an email to akleemanstleo@aol.com

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin
You can **read Fr. Jim’s letter** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

The Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

EMBER DAYS- The seminarians of the Archdiocese invite young men entering their sophomore year of high school through outgoing seniors to a day of fun, prayer, sports, and food. Ember Days will be 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday July 28th at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati. To register and for more information, please go to <https://catholicaoc.org/vocations>

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS AND AGENCIES- Now that Roe vs Wade has been overturned, our joyful outpouring of love and support for pregnant women, especially those most in need, is more important than ever. To that end, we will be taking a second collection at all Masses next weekend, July 16-17, to benefit more than 30 pregnancy care centers and agencies across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. If you are not able to donate at mass next weekend, you can give directly at <http://commit2women.org>. 100% of the funds collected will be distributed to the various centers. Please be generous! Thank you.

September 16th -18th 2022- join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register between now and July 25th with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$100 off the general admission! Discount limited to the first 50 people nationwide to use this code. Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.