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From the Pastors Desk

Insights and wisdom from Dewitt Jones, professional

photographer for National Geographic Magazine: This man is a great photographer and many of his pictures for the magazine are award winning. Through the years, he has learned good principles for taking great pictures that he also has discovered can be applied to real life situations for planning, change and better living. The following are some of his thoughts: If we cannot change lenses on how we look at things, we are trapped. Reframe the problem into an opportunity. There is always more than one right answer. Find the right angle. Turn a win/lose into a win/learn situation. Do not be afraid of making mistakes. If patterns go too long without questions, they become prisons. Life presents us with windows of opportunities. Put yourself in the place of the most potential. Train your technique to see the extraordinary. Vision springs from really caring, really caring.

Can we apply his principles to the real-life situations that we face today as we wait for herd immunity from the coronavirus, enter the process "Beacons of Light" for the future of parish vitality with a shortage of priest leadership, and as we struggle with racism, violence, abuse, inequality, injustice and the losses of finances, jobs, and life? Where is the extraordinary (God) present to us? What questions do we need to ask? Are there windows of opportunities? Can we find our potential? Do we care enough to clearly see God's vision and will for us right now? "Vision springs from really caring."

We celebrated the Spirit of our unity last weekend at our annual parish Culture Fest. Our prayer and praise of God echoed through the streets not only with the Eucharistic sacrifice but all day and some of the night with different music groups playing, singing, and praying. The Theme is always "We are One as the Body of Christ." And as always, we shared beautiful, delicious Latino food. A nice net profit was made this year that will support our parish operations. All my thanks and gratitude to our parish staff and Latino community for their generosity, time, talent, hard work and effort to express and show our unity in Christ and our love for God and all God's people.

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>.

Join Santa Maria Community Services at their second annual, PreventionFIRST picnic. This fun family event will take place on Friday July 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the East Price Hill office, located at 3301 Warsaw Avenue Cincinnati OH 45205. There will be free food, music, giveaways, and surprises!!!



SafeParish Update- With Summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition training or child protection training under the prior child protection platform (VIRTUS). Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

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. Rudy's letter** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

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 THIS 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 this 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.