

June 12, 2022
From Fr. Jim. . .

Pope Francis said:

“Think of a single mother who goes to church or parish, and says to the secretary: I WANT TO BAPTIIZE MY SON, AND THE ATTENDANT SAYS: “No, you can’t because you are not married...”

Let’s keep in mind that...This mom had the courage to continue with a pregnancy – and what is she finding with a locked door!

And so, if we continue on this path and with this attitude, we are not doing the people, the People of God, right.

Jesus created the seven sacraments and with this kind of attitude we created an eighth: the sacrament of pastoral customs!

“WHOEVER APPROACHES THE CHURCH MUST FIND OPEN DOORS AND NOT PRISONERS OF FAITH.”

“We need saints without veil, without veil. We need saints jeans and sneakers. We need saints to go to the movies, listen to music and hang out with friends. We need saints who will put God first and stand out in University. We need saints who find time to pray every day and who know how to fall in love with purity and chastity, or who consecrate their chastity. We need modern saints, 21st Century saints with spirituality embedded in our time.

We need saints who are committed to the poor and necessary social change. We need saints who live in the world, who are sanctified in the world and who are not afraid to live in the world. We need saints who drink coke and eat hot dogs, who are internet users, who listen to iPod. We need saints who love the Eucharist and are not ashamed to have a beer or eat pizza on the weekends with friends.

We need saints who like cinema, theater, music, dance, sports. We need sociable, open, normal, friends, cheerful, companions saints. We need saints who are in the world and who know how to savor the pure and good things of the world, but without being worldly.”

That has to be us!!!

My friends, I am looking forward to this day – this day, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, when the parishes of St. Leo and St. Boniface gather for the first time to celebrate Eucharist. Eucharist is our source of unity, and may it continue to unite us as we learn how to become a family of parishes with the parishes we have been assigned.

Welcome to everyone from both parishes and to my family and friends who are here to celebrate with us today. I am very grateful to the staffs from both parishes for planning this day. God has blessed us with good, faith-filled, caring, competent personnel. It is an honor to work with them and share ministry with them.

Thanks to everyone for praying with us. All of you have called me to a holy life and have shared your holy lives with me in the way Pope Francis has described. I am forever grateful to you. As I near retirement, please join me today in thanking God for bringing us together, for the opportunities we have been given to experience the extra-ordinary love of our Triune God in our ordinary lives and grow together in holiness and grace. Again, Welcome everyone. Let’s give God praise and glory with our worship and our lives now and forever! Amen! Alleluia!

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>.



There will be a second special collection on June 26th for The Peter Pence Collection, to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy see, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html.

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

Please continue your generous almsgiving by donating, you can see our latest request on our [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share) 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.**

"On July 1, we will move on to the next major phase of Beacons of Light, implementation of the new Families of Parishes and the start of intentional pastoral planning within each of those Families. This planning will be rooted in sincere prayer and open collaboration as each Family together discerns the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist. As we move forward into an unsure and sometimes confusing future, let us stay united as the Body of Christ, ***confident that the Holy Spirit is with us until the end of time.***"

Summer Safety Fest- join Santa Maria Community Services on June 18th from 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. at 2122 Hatmaker Street Cincinnati, OH 45204. There will be Free food, music, activities for kids, bike repairs, and conversation to prevent violence and substance abuse!