

October 24, 2021
From Fr. Jim. . .

Beacons of Light: Thank you all so much for your participation, responses, comments, suggestions concerning the groupings of parishes of families in the Beacons of Light process. I assure you that this is a consultative process and this phase – hearing from the faithful, the voice of the people - is so important in determining the final and official groupings of families of parishes. The steering committee for Beacons of Light received thousands of responses from the faithful throughout the Archdiocese. Based on the comments received, changes will be made again to the groupings of the families and presented to Archbishop Schnurr for final approval. This part of the process should be complete by the end of November.

This expansive process of change requires continuous prayer. Prayer support is necessary to discern the Spirit's guidance and to allow the Spirit to be the guiding force that helps us to do God's will for the good of the entire Church of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. You can find prayer suggestions on the Beacons of Light web page: Beaconsaoc.org.

Especially as we continue with the technicalities and details of the process and with every phase of the process of Beacons of Light it is important to keep our eyes on the finish line. We can't forget the desired outcomes of the plan such as we no longer want our parishes just to be maintained but fully alive with the mission of our Lord and Savior. We want our churches full again for worship and Sunday Eucharist with vibrant expressions of faith. We want people to seek the sacraments of the church and we want the church to be on fire with a new evangelization that takes the Gospel to the people with welcome, hospitality, challenge, conversion, and faith. We want to be the Body of Christ alive with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and with passion to work for peace and justice.

It is important that our parishes go beyond the basics and the minimum of faith to develop deep relationships with the Lord. Last Sunday's Gospel asked us to become servants in imitation of the master who came to serve and not be served. As servants, we embrace human weakness and suffering together with solidarity, compassion, mercy, empathy, and grace. We put the needs of others before our own and we learn that those who hand over their lives so that others can live will receive "a hundred times more new life in this present age and eternal life to come." This, I believe, is the desire of Beacons of Light for the Church of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Let us pray: Lord, take us beyond the basics into deeper relationship with you. Free your church and our parishes to be beacons of light that radiate the presence of Christ inclusively, generously, fully, abundantly, unconditionally, resourcefully, responsibly, and sacramentally. Bless us with new life and growth for the praise and glory of your name now and forever.

Cincinnati State is offering FREE ESL classes and conversation groups until December 18, 2021! Beginner and intermediate classes are Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the main building. Contact Preston Frasch at preston.frasch@cincinnati-state.edu.

Conversation group will be Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in the ATLC building contact Daniel Zimmer at Daniel.zimmer@cincinnati-state.edu for details.



Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at: RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX

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

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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.**

THIS WEEKEND, October 24th please support our fellow Catholics in 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide through the collection for the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. The needs this year are higher than ever due to the pandemic. Please use your parish envelope to make your donations. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office at www.catholicaoc.org

SAVE THE DATE- March for Life 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C. This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. More information to come on trip details and sponsorship.

HEALING SERVICE- Wednesday October 27th there is a healing service after 7:15 p.m. mass at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center; located at 5440 Moeller Avenue Norwood, OH 45212. There is rosary at 6:45 p.m. followed by mass call 513.351.9800 with questions.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, pray at 3:00 p.m. each day for family peace. Catholics believe that God loves and cares for everyone, and that God knows their pain and concerns. Catholics for Family Peace invite you to join them in prayer at 3:00 p.m., wherever you are, pray for those suffering from violence and abuse and those who use violence to control others. To learn more, please visit www.Catholicsforfamilypeace.org.