



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 28, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with joy and anticipation as on October 11th we began the year of Faith! Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has asked the entire universal Church to spend this year focusing on nurturing the gift of Faith we received at Baptism. To do that, I am asking each family at St. Jerome to make sure you have three "tools of faith" in your home: a Bible, a Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a Year of Faith Prayer Book. If you need help in obtaining any of these items, please contact the Church office. Please spend time this year, diving into the Word, and into our Catholic tradition. Please take advantage of the many wonderful ministries that our parish offers, and use the beautiful Sacred Spaces on our campus for prayer.

Just a few weeks ago we dedicated our most recent addition to our campus: the Immaculate Conception Grotto. We had a beautiful dedication ceremony on the weekend of our Fall Festival. The Fall Festival was a big success this year. Thanks to the work of the Fall Festival Core Team, all the ministries, the Knights and the staff, we were able to raise \$8,867 which will be used to help pay for the Grotto. *Thank you* for your generous support of this event.

I hope I can rely on your generosity once more, as Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) commitment weekend will be Nov. 3-4th. The money raised during the CSA funds our Seminaries, Catholic Schools, and Priest retirement. Please give to this worthy cause as your means allow.

Lastly, I have two pieces of good news to share. Our Parish preschool, Little Lions Learning Center, is now full to capacity- serving 26 children and their families. Thank you to Ms. Elena Lopez and her wonderful staff. Also, we have a new staff member at our parish. Mr. Daryl Nagel is our new Youth Minister. Though many of you know Daryl, you may not know that he brings a Masters degree in Theology and 12 years of Youth Ministry experience to his new position. Daryl is already working hard to build up our Youth program, and the teens are excited to continue their journey closer to Christ.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers and your generous support. Please be assured of my daily prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Rakshaganathan Selvaraj