



Dear Parishioners,

I have heard from many of you and of your concerns and discomfort with the solicitations and involvement of the FRK Advocate Group. I would like to make clear that the FRK Advocate Group is not a St. Martin de Porres Parish or School group. It is not an arm of the parish or school and its members do not speak for St. Martin de Porres Parish or School. It has no official or unofficial affiliation with the parish or school. It is not working in conjunction with the parish or school in any capacity. Neither the parish nor the school provides it space to meet and to coordinate.

Prior to my arrival at the beginning of July 2018, a copy of parishioners' email addresses was obtained by someone connected with the FRK Advocate Group. This appears to be a misuse of the parish database. The Diocese and I consider this a serious action and do not take this lightly.

If you do not wish to be contacted by the FRK Advocate Group, then you are certainly free to respond to any of their emails and inform them of your desire. On several of their emails they have provided you with contact names and numbers. They have also provided you with addresses and additional email contact information to communicate whatever you might want to share with them.

Many of you have expressed your desire that the FRK Advocate Group be ceased. While my authority as pastor of our parish and school is broad, I don't generally have the authority to restrict anybody's speech. Members of the FRK Advocate Group and all parishioners are afforded freedom of speech, including the wearing of ribbons. It is simply not legally possible to forbid the wearing of ribbons, nor is it a pathway I wish to journey down. I agree with many of you that those who wear the ribbons create an impression that they are setting themselves apart from the larger parish community and have an agenda distinct from Jesus Christ. I agree with many of you that some parishioners connected with the FRK Advocate Group are creating discord within our parish and diocese. Nevertheless, it is their right to set themselves apart from the larger community of St. Martin de Porres.

By accepting his resignation, the Diocese of Fort Worth has established that Fr. Kirkham will not be returning to St. Martin de Porres Parish and School. We will be moving forward as a parish and school. We will continue to be a welcoming place for those who wish to encounter Christ. I ask that you continue to pray for our parish, pray for our Diocese, pray for Bishop Olson, pray for Fr. Richard, pray for me, and pray for healing. We have begun offering Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition after the daily morning masses at 8:30 AM on

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays every week, in addition to evenings on the second Sunday of every month. Come and spend time with the Lord.

As we continue to grow as a parish, I ask for your patience with me and with each other. Our community is hurting deeply and profoundly, and we are called to walk with each other and be Christ to each other. In the end, there will only be One Word, the Word of God. There will only be One Prayer, the Mass. And there will only be One Open Heart, the great Sacred Heart of Jesus from which Divine Mercy flows. May we seek to conform our words, our prayers, our hearts, and our actions to Him.

Please know of my prayers for each of you and for your families.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Stephen Hauck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Stephen Hauck

Pastor, St. Martin de Porres