

From the Pastor's Desk:

Jesus tells us today that his sheep know his voice and follow him. We all can look at what will allow us to more clearly hear Jesus' voice. Helping to clear out the distractions of those who do not really know Jesus voice (but claim to), studying good and reliable sources, spending time in quiet prayer listening to hear the voice of Jesus - these are good things. Hearing that voice we then will have to decide to follow. Our Lord promises that those who listen and hear, those who follow and trust will be taken care of. We may not understand what is going on sometimes, but following the voice of Jesus like you would a G.P.S. (even when you are not sure where you are going) is a key thing. While our own voice, or the voices of many other sources may send us in the wrong direction - the TRUE voice of Jesus will never lead us astray.

This past week after the Confirmations at the Prison, and the regional Confirmation where many of our young people received the sacrament, I had a chance to enjoy our school play. To see the smiling faces of so many young children having a great time while they did large group dance numbers was a lot of fun. The continued wonderful work of Craig and Tara Cormier in leading these productions is a blessing to us all. After watching these young people on stage, I got my own chance to "be on stage" as we filmed the video for the parish. This video which will be linked in the city website (and other places) is a way for us to communicate to others the wonderful parish that we have and invite them to join us as we grow together.

A similar video was produced for the school and which will be used to help promote our school. I have been in communication with the pastors of all the Catholic parishes within driving distance about representatives coming to speak about the school at Masses. Please help spread the word and let those you meet know about the excellent educational opportunity our school offers. We are enrolling students now and have reduced preschool rates to make them more affordable. Visits are always welcome!

We are waiting to hear on the date for the replacement of the roof on the former convent - the materials have been purchased and it should be underway soon. I have also been continuing to discuss with the architects and contractors the projects that are moving at a snail's pace. One thing after another pushes things back, but we keep pressing on. If you have not yet made your contribution to the Partners in Charity Campaign, I invite you to do so. With the Bishop agreeing on the reasonable goal I requested, we could reach it. This would be a great chance for us to be able to celebrate together a collective victory. Envelopes are in the pews and can be mailed in or dropped into the collection. Thanks to those who have made their contributions thus far.

I will be taking some time off this coming week. Our Spring Festival this weekend will be a chance to see everyone before I take this vacation. Not going far this time, just day trips and spending some time with family. I look forward to seeing everyone again next weekend. Happy Mother's day to all mothers, and may the blessings of follow the voice of Jesus continue to pour out to you all!

Peace,  
Fr. Steve