

A Letter from Our Pastoral Coordinator September 30, 2018



May Christ's peace, joy and hope be with you all!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

By the time you read this column, it will be almost 3 months since Archbishop Peter Sartain appointed me to be the Pastoral Leader at Holy Rosary and Visitation parishes. During that time, I have spoken informally with a number of you before and after masses, received a number of emails and even letters noting concerns or issues that you'd like addressed.

I've wanted to have a couple of listening sessions so that you can speak and our staffs; pastoral councils as well as Fr. Martin and I can hear you and listen to your concerns and reflections.

These sessions will be offered twice at each parish. One will occur on a Sunday and the other on a Wednesday evening. It is my hope that you will be able to attend one of these 90 minute listening sessions.

At Holy Rosary, the first listening session will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, from 6-7:30 PM and the second will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21st, from 5-6:30 PM. Both listening sessions will be held in the Auditorium of Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy.

At Visitation, the first listening session will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, from 6-7:30 PM and the second will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21st, from 1:30-3:00 PM. Both listening sessions will take place in the Upper Hall.

The purposes of these meetings are two-fold. First, we want to hear about your hopes and dreams about our parish and identifying our greatest pastoral needs. Second is to articulate your views on the sexual abuse crisis and make recommendations for strategies for our bishops in Seattle to take with them to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in November.

After the meetings, we'll attempt to summarize what we heard and get that summary back to you as soon as we are able.

Ultimately, what I hope for is to gather that information in order to eventually begin a pastoral planning process for the next 1-3 years that identifies a clear mission, specific and measurable goals, and a plan to achieve that mission at both Holy Rosary and Visitation parishes.

If you are unable to come to either session, please note the questions asked on the flyer in this week's bulletin and email me your reflections as soon as you can. My email is deacon-jim@holyroary.org

Please keep these sessions lifted up in prayer - that we listen well and that we are clear in that articulation.

In God's great love, hope and mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deacon Jim".

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