

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On July 1, twenty parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will receive new pastors. This new pattern of assigning pastors according to a yearly schedule should result in greater continuity of pastoral governance, fewer temporary administrators of parishes and easier preparation for priests and parishioners as changes are made.

When we profess in the Creed that we believe in an "apostolic Church," we are saying that Christ wills that his people be governed by ordained bishops and priests. The methods of assuring the Church's governance are adapted according to many circumstances, but the assigning of bishops and priests is never merely an administrative action; it is an exercise of faith.

I ask all Catholics of the Archdiocese to pray for the priests newly assigned and the parishes they will serve. I also ask everyone to pray for all the priests of the Archdiocese, for our seminarians and for those who are now being called by God's grace to serve here as priests.

I am grateful to all our priests, especially those newly assigned this year. Their obedience to this new call fulfills the promise they made when they were ordained. As we all know, a promise is often easier to make than to keep. These are faithful priests who are keeping their ordination promises, and all of us should be proud of them.

May the Lord bless you and your families this summer. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



GOING ON VACATION?

As summer arrives, we know that many families like to go on vacation. Please do not forget your faith as you travel:

*For Mass times and church locations around the United States, visit www.masstimes.org

*Remember to use your Sunday envelopes to help cover the costs of running our parish all summer. If you cannot make it to Mass at Queen of Peace, please consider mailing your offering.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members. We are in need of a Recording Secretary and general members to fill vacant terms. We also are in the process of reforming our Four Parish Commissions. The Commissions are Parish Life, Human Concerns, Spiritual Life, and Education. By serving on the PPC, and/or the Commissions we are able to spread the Gospel to our sisters and brothers in the parish community. If you are interested in serving on the PPC and/or one of the Commissions, please call Rosa at the parish office 1-847-473-4079.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

"Go into the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation"

Define Spiritual Life Commission: As a faith community the Spiritual Life Commission will encourage and support the significance of evangelization for the life and mission of the parish.

What is its purpose? The purpose of the Spiritual Life Commission is to encourage the work of sanctification, worship and stewardship as the work of the entire Church.

Who can be a member? Members of the Spiritual Life Commission are those people who are concerned with the worship and prayer life of the parish community.

What is the commission's primary responsibility? The Spiritual Life Commission is primarily responsible to plan and provide for the spiritual development of each member of the parish through liturgical celebrations, significant experiences, and spiritual growth programs.

What are its primary functions? The functions of the Spiritual Life Commission are:

1. to study the needs of the community and prepare for liturgical celebrations
2. to provide special prayer experiences and renewal events for the parish
3. to establish a means of continuing education and formation in liturgical matters
4. to provide spiritual growth of leadership groups
5. to nurture and foster vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the permanent diaconate

What areas of spiritual life are included in this commission? When considering total parish spiritual life the members of the commission take into account:

- *Ministers of Care
- *Lectors and Eucharist Ministers
- *Retreats/Missions
- *Liturgy Planning/Choir
- *Altar Servers
- *Hospitality/Greeters

4TH OF JULY OBSERVANCE

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. There is an emergency number on the answering machine; please use it only for emergencies.

4 DE JULIO

Con motivo del día festivo del Día de Independencia la oficina parroquial estará cerrada el martes 4 de julio. En la maquina contestadora hay un numero de telefono, por favor uselo solo para emergencias.