

Pentecost A Celebration of Ministry
May 1, 2015

After listening to Father John Hurley's keynote address and attending the Mystical Horizon of Ignatian Spirituality with Father Pat O'leary (on the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker), I am ready to roll up my sleeves and help with the transition at our parish in anyway the Holy Spirit is calling me to serve.

What was re-confirmed for me at the Celebration of Ministry is that God is infinitely generous and can not be outdone in Love. I pray that our willingness to allow God's will to manifest through us will trigger a greater desire for holiness within each of us and in turn spread like wild fire! My hope is that the transition period will be accepted by each member of our church as an opportunity to trust the Holy Spirit at work. I believe we will discover as a parish what God has in store for us as we grow in faith through Jesus.

Fr. John Hurley reminded us that we have a duty as Christians to develop and maintain a lively personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we encounter Jesus through prayer and the Sacraments, people see Jesus in our smile, in our countenance, in our willingness to lend a hand. Fr. Hurley imparted inspiring words about encountering Jesus. His message was continued through Fr. John Fuch's homily this past Sunday. I realized then how true it is that we are more apt to recognize Jesus in others when we are aware of God's presence in ourselves.

Personally, I am inspired to spend more time with scripture and in prayer. As I continue to discern my level of involvement at Saint Patrick Church, I imagine our ministries lifting people up in the spiritual realm, drawing people closer and closer to Jesus Christ through the life transforming invitation to "Come and see that the Lord is good."

As we move forward as a faith community, prayerfully discerning the direction God is leading us, one thing is for certain: We are in this together for the greater glory of God.

God bless our Saint Patrick community.
Sincerely, Patricia Ottow