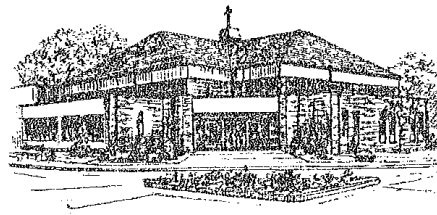


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Dear Parishioners,

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The Spiritual Dimensions of a Parish and Pastor Transition are Paschal Mystery experiences. Both communities of faith: Immaculate and the Queen are extended an invitation to walk the road with Jesus and one another to discover God's presence in and through the experience of transition into a new parish community, beginning July 1, 2014. It is a time of reflection and prayer as well as a journey marked with discouragement, grief, and confusion about the meaning of it all. Being in a different space of transition, though, can also set our hearts aflame with a new vision, celebration, and a renewed urgency to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. An experience like the *Emmaus story of Luke 24:13-35* that can become a time of grace and the possibility of renewal for us all.

This week, I ask you to remember in prayer Fr. O'Sullivan and the staff from QU and IC who will be departing, as well as the choirs, cantors and Transition Team members from both parishes who have met each other for the first time. In days ahead, meetings will take place for the liturgical ministers from both former parishes who will continue their ministries in the new parish.

I also ask that you remember in prayer the Hispanic Community and others in the area who will be arriving at the Parish Site for Sunday Masses for the first time. Most importantly, remember the good people of Immaculate who will be celebrating their final parish mass this weekend at their beloved Parish Site as they enter the new threshold days of becoming a Worship Site. The two parishes becoming one can now be seen on our bulletin cover.

For all of us, the sacred space and time for forging new relationships can be nourished with the words of Isaiah 41:10 *'Do not fear, I am with you; do not be anxious I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.'*

A great opportunity to work together for the July 13th, installation, dedication, and gathering on the new Queen's parish grounds will be on **Monday, July 7th at 7:00 PM** in the Large Hall of the Parish Site. Your assistance in different areas would be greatly appreciated during this time of building a new parish community: a welcoming parish of Christ's mercy and love for all people.

Peace,

Father Mike