

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“Pastoral Staff Changes”

As we end our current parish year and begin a new fiscal year, and as we prepare for the new parish year of activities in September, there are a few changes in pastoral staff that I would like to call to your attention. Some positions have already been publicized and others are new.

Sister Maureen Brown, C.S.J. joins our Parish Staff as our *Pastoral Associate*. Sister will be part-time and her ministry will center on bereavement facilitation and pastoral outreach to our parish members. Sr. Maureen will also serve as a liaison to the wider community beyond the Church of St. Thomas More.

Chris Smith becomes *Director of Stewardship and Development*, which is a full-time position. In this capacity, Chris continues to oversee the Stewardship component of development by matching parishioners' gifts of time, talent and treasure within the ministerial needs of the Parish. In addition, in terms of Development, she will be helping to oversee the new Capital Campaign that will begin in November 2004. Chris will also be assisting in a number of other ways with our financial growth, as well as continuing to foster an “overall culture of development” in our Faith Community, in order for us to meet our long-term goals and objectives.

Natalie Provinse, our Parish receptionist/secretary/administrative assistant to the Pastor/bookkeeper, will become the parish *Bookkeeper* in October 2004. This will be a part-time position. Mike Provinse, Natalie's husband, has retired recently, and Natalie would like to now be able to spend more time with Mike.

Natalie has been “the front desk” of the Parish for eight years now and has seen the Parish through its many transitions. She has given a great deal of time, talent, and treasure to our community during these years. I am grateful that Natalie will now be able to enjoy a bit more leisure time, and yet, continue to be on Staff in this part-time position.

Janice Treat has accepted a temporary part-time position, from July 15th to October 15th of this year, to be *Administrative Assistant in the Office of Stewardship and Development*. Janice will be busy in helping us in all the preparatory details for the upcoming Capital Campaign, “*Our Journey Into The Future... Together.*”

Rob Riebel, our *Maintenance Person*, has trimmed his hours to 20 per week due to school and family commitments. **Mike Provinse**, *Assistant Maintenance Person*, has agreed to work 10 hours per week to assist Rob in meeting the maintenance needs of our Parish Center. This arrangement will continue until next summer when one new full-time Maintenance Person will be hired.

In August, we will begin interviews for a new “Receptionist/Secretary.” This will be a full-time position that will begin in October 2004. If anyone is interested in this position, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number. We are in the process of updating the job description for the position and it should be available soon.

I encourage and ask for your continued prayers as we transition through these Parish Office changes.