

JULY 31, 2005: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S COLUMN

FAREWELL ROB RIEBEL! WELCOME JOE GARCIA!

In this first week of August, we experience a change of personnel in the position of Maintenance Director.

Rob Riebel, who has been with us for several years, has earned his B.A. degree and will be fulfilling a long time goal of teaching history in a middle school environment.

We wish Rob great happiness in his new career and we give thanks for his loyal, faithful, generous, and respectful ministry to us.

Fortunately, Rob, his wife, Elvia, and their three sons, remain with us as St. Thomas More parishioners.

Also, Rob is taking on the responsibilities of the Chair of the New Construction Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Development Council. This committee will be extremely important and vital as the build-out of the Parish Campus moves forward.

Rob, for all that you have done, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"

As Rob leaves his position, we welcome Joe Garcia, who becomes our new Maintenance Director. Joe, his wife Carmen, and their three daughters are new St. Thomas More Parishioners.

Joe was the unanimous choice of our Interview/Selection Committee that consisted of Paul Ibbetson, Karen Oshinski, Rob Riebel, Wilma Rolland, and myself.

I am so pleased that we have found in Joe Garcia a person who desires to be with us for the long term, and is looking forward to his position "growing" as the Parish grows.

Although Joe is presently the only Maintenance Person, as the Campus build-out takes place, more maintenance staff will be required.

Joe will, in time, be the Director of Buildings/Maintenance, as he supervises not only a maintenance staff, but also oversees the upkeep of all Parish Buildings.

An immediate benefit that we will experience as a Parish is that the new position increases from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

Rob and Joe will be working together for the first week of August. As you encounter them in the coming week, please say thanks to Rob and give Joe a real STM welcome...

We also say hello to a familiar face this weekend, Fr. Bob McKeon, who will be with us for the next two weeks. He is on a bit of R & R and is "covering" for me as I am on a bit of R & R.

I will be leaving the Parish on July 31st and will be returning on August 15th.

Happy summering to all!

Fr. Mike