

Pastor's Column

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Christianity Only Thrives in Community

This year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of our Parish.

Bishop Robert Brom, the Chief Shepherd of the Diocese of San Diego, will be with us in our celebration and lead us in the Eucharist on Sunday, October 17, at the 10:30am Mass.

A Parish celebration will take place after that Mass. A committee, headed by Henny Jocelyn, will be meeting for the first time next week to begin to pull together the plans for that day.

It promises to be a day that will be family friendly, on campus, and one in which all Parishioners will be able to participate. It will be a "down-home" event.

We have much to celebrate as a Parish. We have come a long way in the last 25 years, but we still have a way to go in terms of the build-out of our campus. Hopefully, this celebration will strengthen us as we move into the future!

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, the Parish Staff felt a need to offer a special gift to the Parish. All of us wanted to do something that would help us to deepen the bonds of community that are already so manifest in this community.

After much discussion at several of our monthly Parish Staff meetings, we came upon a plan that would help to focus attention on the notion of relationship as the main ingredient in a Christian Faith Community. Indeed, there is no Christianity without community. This fact is very evident as we spend time reading the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament.

With that in mind, each member of the Parish Staff desires to meet with 10 registered households of St. Thomas More to have a

"One on One," a short meeting with no specific agenda other than for Staff Members and Parishioners to get to know each other just a little better.

Lorraine Doering, our Parish Office Technician, will randomly select 10 households per staff member from our "Parish Data System."

The households that will be randomly selected will then be notified by a letter from me that they have "won the lottery."

They will have an opportunity to sit down with a specific Parish Staff Member for a half hour or so, and have an open discussion about whatever!

We have no agenda. We have no plan. This is not some hidden plot to ask for money or to ask for a commitment to some ministry in the Parish! Please ease your minds!! This is simply an opportunity for us, as a Parish, to deepen the ties that bind us together.

If you are one of the 150 households that will be randomly selected, I ask that you please say "yes" to the "One on One."

Your Pastor is seeking your cooperation to help the Parish Staff Members give their gift to the Parish on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary.

Please stay tuned. More details will be forthcoming. We will begin this process toward the end of June.

For all that has been, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"

Fr. Mike