

Pastor's Column

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Our 25th Anniversary—We Have Only Just Begun!

This weekend we mark a milestone in our Parish Journey as we celebrate 25 years as a People dedicated to continuing the Mission and Ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

As the Church of St. Thomas More, we have so much for which to be grateful and to celebrate, not only this weekend, but each time that we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

The Church of St. Thomas More is a very unique “place.” Privileged to lead this Faith Community as your Pastor for the past 7½ years, I have experienced you, over the years, to be most friendly, cooperative, kind, supportive, respectful, high-minded, and most importantly, faith-filled! The energy in this Parish is remarkable, and so God-centered!

I believe that we all have been touched by this energy, and we are in awe of it and know that it is the touch of God!

For some unknown and blessed reason, the Spirit of Jesus is here with us in a very deep, tangible way. That Spirit is palpable; one can almost taste it!

We are all very normal, regular, human beings who are attempting to live out our Faith in God, and to be true to our Catholicism. We come to the Church of St. Thomas More, and we experience something that is beyond all of us—a desire to live in union with God as Jesus did.

We are a very diverse people, with many differing views of society and Church, but we share those differences respectfully, always looking for common ground, and always keeping the Mission of Jesus as our main concern. Our agenda is the agenda of Jesus, not our own.

It is such a blessing to pastor the 1,008 households that make up the Church of St. Thomas More. You have strengthened me in my ministry and in my personal life in ways you will never know. Thank You!

Also it is important that I extend a very special “Thank You” to all of our Parish Staff who help me pastor this Parish. There is no way that I could oversee this Parish alone. They are all an extension of me, as Pastor, and together we do what is necessary to provide the leadership and guidance for our Parish.

I pray that all of you are aware of and thankful for the dedicated commitment of our Parish Staff to the Mission and Ministry of Jesus. And, please, as we celebrate this 25th Anniversary, when you encounter a Staff Person, please say “Thank You” for all that they have done and continue to do for us.

Finally, I just need to say, in the words of the late Betty Dorsa, that “We already have a Church.” We have been Church for these past 25 years!

The buildings will come in due time. They will not make us Church, because we are already Church. The buildings will only enhance who we already are and what we already do!

For all that has been “Thank You!” For all that will be “Yes.”

Happy 25th!

F. Mike