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Dear Parishioners,

Have you encountered the Risen Christ in your life over the past week? How? Have you shared your experience with another? Over the past week, have you reached out with a smile, a kindness, an extra moment of conversation with someone? Have you taken care of another in need of food, prayer, friendship, or understanding? Have you spent time in relationship with another or within a community? Have you spent time in quiet prayer with the Lord, not only sharing, but listening to him? What has he said to you?

Over the past 4 months the Pastoral Staff with the Parish Advisory Council (PAC) have been learning about and discussing evangelization, missionary discipleship, personal encounters with Christ and spiritual renewal. We are always challenged to stay focused on our core mission: that we have been called and sent to share the Good News. The never ending challenge is how our parish community and ministries live out that mission in all we say and do.

As we move forward, we expect to learn more from our archdiocese on evangelization, discipleship and renewal. These are vital ways we can grow as a parish to strengthen ministries, build relationships, and fill the needs within our community. Our discussions will continue among parish staff and leadership in order to bring our learning to practical use in the parish.

As we finish the work of the Parish Advisory Council for this year, I thank all of our Council members for sharing their time and talents. We say thank you and farewell to several members: Harry Kannry who has served for over 15 years, Dan Cochran who has served 6 years, and Clare Sullivan who is graduating from high school after 2 years of service. I will hand over the chairperson position to Lisa Geneser who will be assisted by our new vice chair, Beth White. In addition, the following Council members have stepped up to serve an additional term on the PAC as apostles: Heidi Kotynek, Larry Krema, Jim Strafaci and Dave Zich.

Please visit our parish website to read reports submitted from each consultative body and ministry advisory group (communications of what each group has been spending time, effort and energy on) as well as our meeting minutes. A special note of thanks goes to Beth White who serves our archdiocese as Director of Evangelization and Parish Vitality, and Fr. Bob Lombardo, Director of Holy Angels Mission in Chicago, for sharing their thoughts and leading our discussion on evangelization and mission. A copy of their presentation deck is included in our meeting minutes.

Have a safe and restful summer. Look for more from our PAC in the fall.

Brian King
Chairperson