

## **Parochial Vicar Change of Assignment for Immaculate Conception and St. Teresa July 6 & 7, 2019**

Greetings in Christ.

There are times in life when opportunities arise unexpectedly. As you can read from Fr. Vince's note, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood were asked at the end of May if we might have someone to serve as Chaplain of a Catholic high school in Melbourne, Florida. Fr. Vince agreed to accept this offer and will begin his new ministry at the beginning of August. He will be joining another Missionary who is already serving in the area.

Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S., will be coming to Immaculate Conception and St. Teresa at the beginning of August to serve as parochial vicar. Fr. Tim has experience in a variety of ministries including education, parochial ministry, and hospital chaplaincy.

On behalf of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, I want to thank Fr. Ken, the parish staff, and all the parishioners for their understanding during this time of transition. May God continue to bless Immaculate Conception and St. Teresa parishes and all of the good work that is done for the Lord.

V. Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S., Provincial Director  
Missionaries of the Precious Blood

In late May at our annual Precious Blood assembly, a member of our province approached me and asked if I would be interested in getting back into chaplaincy work. He shared with me that a Catholic high school close to where he lives asked him if he knew of someone from our Community who might like to be a chaplain at their school as well as teach theology. I told him I was interested and was given permission to begin exploring the possibility. After a couple weeks of intense prayer, meetings with my spiritual director and many conversations, I agreed to take the position which begins in August. My final weekend at St. Teresa will be July 13/14 and at IC July 20/21, the weekend of the IC Festival.

I cannot begin to describe how the Holy Spirit has been directing this adventure. From the first request I made to the provincial director to the final appointment of my replacement from the Archbishop, the work of the Holy Spirit has been the fire inside me to continue this pursuit.

Every ministry I have had in my 30+ years of pastoral ministry has had learning experiences that lead me to my next ministry. I begin each new ministry with the understanding in my heart that I am a missionary, this is not a forever ministry, and I need to learn as much as I can from the people I am in ministry with.

I have learned much from you and will use these learnings to help teach and evangelize the teenagers, faculty and staff at Melbourne Central Catholic high school in Florida. They will benefit from the way you have helped me grow in ministry and in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

My sincerest thank you to Father Ken and all of you for everything you have shared with me. You have trained me well!! I have enjoyed our two years together. Please keep me and those I serve in your prayers. You can count on my prayers too.

Peace, Father Vince Wirtner, C.P.P.S., Parochial Vicar

There will be farewell celebrations for Fr. Vince at St. Teresa after the 5:00 PM & 10:30 AM Masses, July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and at IC on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> after the 12 noon mass in the IC School cafeteria (the PAC will still be unavailable due to the festival).