

Reverend James L. Sorra

October 17, 2009

Dear Father Jim,

The St. Louis Pastoral Council wishes to express its deepest thanks and gratitude for your faithful and loving service to our church during the last three years.

We were privileged to share your experiences as you began your priestly ministry as a newly ordained priest. You brought love, enthusiasm, and dedication to everything you touched here at St. Louis.

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

You were passionate about caring for the people you worked with in your numerous ministries. Your service on the Liturgical Committee brought you closer to the celebrations of the sacred liturgy as you worked with lectors and hospitality ministers. Under your direction, the Hospitality Ministry was transformed to share the welcoming love of Jesus with visitors and parishioners alike. Your strong passion for social justice provided you with a valuable role in the Respect Life Committee. Your participation in our annual Respect Life Coffee Houses exemplifies your generous and fun-loving spirit as well as your desire to celebrate life. You shared your deep personal love for the Blessed Sacrament and for liturgical worship when working with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

You encouraged couples planning their weddings to embrace God in their lives. Officiating at countless weddings and funerals, you provided families with individual time and needed encouragement that they will always remember. Your work with altar servers helped young people develop a sense of responsibility and service with a focus on Jesus.

Your energetic faith was an inspiration to all of us when you ministered at St. Louis. Your generous spirit and strong pastoral sense brought our community closer together as we celebrated everyday life. You were always so giving of your time and attention. Your personal attention to every parishioner, whether young or old, made everyone feel loved.

Again, we thank you for all that you have done for St. Louis Church. We wish God's continued blessing on you and those whom you love.

With sincerest appreciation
St. Louis Pastoral Council

Father Jim Sorra
Associate Pastor, St. Louis Church
2006 – 2009

“A good name is more desirable than great riches, and high esteem, than gold and silver.”
Proverbs 22:1

The St. Louis Pastoral Council
wishes to express its deepest thanks,
gratitude, and esteem for your
dedicated service to our parish.

For three years as Associate Pastor you have
watched over our parish by leading us in prayer, celebrating Mass, overseeing many
organizations,
and guiding our spiritual journey.

Now, as you serve at St. Michael's, we,
and more importantly, all the parishioners
of St. Louis Church, commend you for your leadership, kindness, and faithful friendship.

Your ministry has enriched our lives.

May God continue to bless you in your future ministry.

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