



Being priest, being pastor, for an assembly of God's people is a constantly-renewing invitation to compassion, understanding, attentiveness, discernment, awe, and tender love.

Rev. Michael L Papesh

Report from the New Pastor Committee

Our New Pastor Committee would like to thank everyone who completed the New Pastor Survey. The results of this survey are listed below. About 400 surveys were returned along with many thoughtful comments. The results of the survey will be included in our Parish Profile, a compilation of material that explains the special character and unique aspects of our parish for the benefit of prospective pastors. Any priest interested in OLA will have access to this Parish Profile to aid in his discernment prior to applying to be our pastor.

The selection of our new pastor will be made by the Clergy Personnel Board which will sort through the applications and select our new pastor sometime in March 2009. Part of the role of the New Pastor Committee is to help the Clergy Personnel Board and prospective pastors understand the needs and desires of our parish community.

The New Pastor Committee is also beginning work on a transition plan which will include: the development of a transition team, an orientation strategy for the new pastor, and a fond farewell to Fr. Tom. There is much work to be done to prepare our parish for a new pastor. Please continue to pray for our parish and the Clergy Personnel Board as the decision-making process about our new pastor unfolds.

The New Pastor Committee

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Survey Results

Parishioners were asked to select their top three choices.

It is most important to me that our new pastor be...

- 232 An excellent presider at Mass, celebrating the liturgy with care, preaching relevant and inspiring homilies**
- 214 Friendly and approachable, inter-acting well with people of all age groups and ethnicities**
- 177 A strong spiritual leader**
- 113 Warmly pastoral: visits the sick, is a compassionate confessor, and is welcoming at weddings and funerals
- 85 Enthusiastic about promoting lifelong faith development in the parish
- 67 Supportive of the mission of Catholic education and actively engaged in the parish / school community
- 56 Passionate for social justice
- 55 Supportive of the vision, mission, and values of the OLA parish strategic pastoral plan
- 44 Collaborative and committed to shared leadership
- 42 Widely inclusive and committed to developing the gifts and talents of each parishioner
- 26 Eager to participate in the greater Claremont community, both civic and inter-faith