

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

25th & 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time – September 20th & 27th, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Now that the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign (CSCC) has begun at OLG, I wish as your pastor to once again express my strong and sincere support for this Archdiocesan-wide effort to ensure the long-term sufficiency of the pension and health care needs of our retired priests and vowed religious women. These men and women have served the parishes, schools, hospitals and ministries of Western Washington in so many ways and for so many years. Our generous support for the CSCC is a sign of our gratitude for the generous and long-standing service these priests and sisters have given to the people of God in this Archdiocese. Our parish's goal for the CSCC is just under \$850,000. Given the long history of generous giving here at OLG, this amount is a very attainable goal, especially considering that the pledges are meant to be given over a three-year period. Remember too that 15% of every dollar donated to the CSCC will come back to OLG to strengthen the life and ministries of our parish community. Making meaningful gifts to the CSCC will not only help the many retired priests and sisters who so deeply need and deserve our support, these donations will also greatly benefit all of us here at OLG. For all of these reasons, I ask each and every household at OLG to please make a meaningful and generous gift to the CSCC. May our generosity show that we too are answering the call to serve as Christ by giving to the retired priests and women religious who themselves answered the call to serve as Christ on our behalf.

Just a reminder to everyone that I will be out of the office and away from my duties for an eight-day period starting Wednesday, September 23rd, and continuing through Tuesday, September 30th. This time away is due to all that I will need to do and undergo for the correcting of my heart arrhythmia—the COVID-19 test and quarantine, the “catheter ablation” procedure itself and the recuperation to follow. I thank you all for your prayers, and likewise thank all who will be pitching in and filling in during my absence.

One of the folks who will be helping me while I am out of action is Fr. Jack Walmesley, your beloved previous pastor. Fr. Jack will be covering both the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 26th, and the 10:00am live-streamed Mass on Sunday, September 27th, while I am away. I want to thank Fr. Jack not only for the help he will be giving in covering these Masses, but also for the support he will offer for the Called to Serve as Christ on behalf of OLG. Fr. Jack is one of the many retired priests who will benefit from the CSCC—as will I when my retirement comes along in a few years or so. We heard from Sr. Joan Gallagher of the Sisters of Providence last Sunday, September 13th. Fr. Jack will be offering his own encouragement and support for the CSCC from the perspective of a retired priest who has served the Archdiocese of Seattle for over 40 years! I know you will welcome him with loving enthusiasm, and that you will be blessed once again by his priestly leadership of prayer and by his preaching.

God bless you all,

Fr. Kevin