CONSECRATING OUR PARISH TO THE HOLY FAMILY

On the morning of July 26th, the parish of St. Frances Cabrini R.C. Church made the Consecrations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to St Joseph with a special Entrustment of St Frances Cabrini parish to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was beautiful.

Fr. Gilbert Lap had unveiled Our Lord in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the Mass and lead us in prayer. We had the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the Divine Mercy Image off to the side. And there in the sanctuary were images of the Holy Family: Jesus, crucified, along with a picture of the Blessed Mother and one of St. Joseph. How we need the Holy Family to lead us by their holy example in this world that has a confusing ideology about redefining the family.

Following the consecrations, we brought the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in front of the Coram Health Clinic and prayed the Rosary. At the clinic they teach women how to avoid STD's, which does not encourage abstinence and they prescribe birth control pills to women who are trying to avoid pregnancy which may lead a woman to an abortion facility if the contraception method fails. What a tragedy! Our hope was to allow Our Lady's presence to bless this place where they see a baby as a burden, not a a blessing God has intended a baby to be. We were incredibly grateful to see some families there that recognized Our Lady of Guadalupe and blessed themselves while they were walking past. It was very touching.

We are incredibly grateful to our pastor, Fr. Gil, for giving our parish this moment of grace and blessings especially in this time of unrest that we are seeing in our land and around the world. I hope there will be more parishes that will make their Consecrations with an Entrustment. I believe our diocese, our Church, our world needs them!

God bless you all!

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