

July 19, 2024

Dear Parish Family of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Fatima, and St. Anne,

The last instruction Jesus gave his disciples before ascending into heaven was for them to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel” (Mk 16:15). This is the origin of what it means to evangelize and, two thousand years later, it remains our top priority, especially now as we come together as a new Parish Family under Partners in the Gospel.

In order to help us carry this out more effectively, Jessica Harris, the current Director of Operations for St. Anne, has agreed to become our new Director of Evangelization. She will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating sacramental preparation, faith formation, RCIA, Alpha, youth and young adult programming for all three of our faith communities. Jessica brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and experience to this new position, having obtained a Masters degree from the renowned International Theological Institute in Austria, taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and worked for ten years doing children's/adult/college ministry prior to relocating here a year and a half ago to work in ministry at St. Anne. Please join me in welcoming Jessica to this new ministry in our new Parish Family.

To facilitate her transition to this new role, I am promoting Mark Abadir, the current Administrative Assistant for Our Lady of Fatima, to the position of Director of Operations for St. Anne and Sacred Heart. He will be responsible for supervising the administrative functions for both faith communities to complement the ministry of Phil Hasenkamp, the Pastoral Assistant for Administration at Our Lady of Fatima. Mark is a Queen Anne native and St. Anne parish school graduate (Class of '87) and brings almost 30 years of business experience to his new role. Please join me in welcoming Mark *back* as a ministry leader.

With Mark's promotion, we now need a new Administrative Assistant for Our Lady of Fatima. This key ministerial role supports the daily operations of the parish. In addition to various administrative duties, this person is often the first to meet, greet, and help those who call and walk through the door. Do you know of someone who might thrive in this role? If so, please put them in touch with Phil Hasenkamp at 206.503.2393 right away. We also will be putting a notice in all three of our bulletins and neighboring bulletins as well until the position is filled.

Finally, I would like to thank the capable ministerial staff and volunteers in our Parish Family. It is a sign of the goodness of God and our fellowship with the saints. May our Lord Jesus Christ, Blessed Mother Mary, and Blessed Grandmother Anne help us continue the work of proclaiming the Good News of our salvation!

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Freitag

Pastor