



From the Pastor's Desk:

This week we welcome to our parish Monsignors Jim Vlaun and Joe De Grocco and Fathers Frank Nelson and Mike Holzmann. This team of priest was invited to OLPH to do something they do "extremely well". They will conduct this year's **"ADVENT MISSION"**.

Each priest, in his own unique way, have a gift that helps people to "recognize Jesus" just as the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus, after the resurrection, came to know Jesus and by the end of their journey the "recognized Him..." The **Mission starts TONIGHT** and continues **through Wednesday evening. EVERYONE NEEDS A MINI-RETREAT** experience. (All teens through adults of all ages)

TONIGHT, SUNDAY, Msgr. Jim Vlaun will introduce the Mission with a reflection about "Recognizing God in our World". The Scripture reference will be "Exodus Chapter 3: verses 1 thru 8a and 13 thru 15.

The Second Evening, **MONDAY**, Fr. Frank Nelson will continue the reflections leading us to explore "Recognizing God in the Loving Embrace of Forgiveness." This evening will invite everyone to experience God's love through an opportunity for individual confessions.

The Third Evening, **TUESDAY**, Father Mike Holzmann will help us discover the God within as he reflects with us on "Recognizing God in our Heart: Doing our Soul Work".

The Fourth and Final Evening, **Wednesday**, Msgr. Joe De Grocco, will bring us into through the glory and joy of the post-resurrection experience and come to know how, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, "Recognizing Him in the Breaking of the Bread." This is a powerful look into the Holy Eucharist.

What a wonderful way for **EVERYONE** to begin our **Advent Journey to Christmas**. Don't just say, "I'd love to go, but....." **MAKE IT HAPPEN JUST FOR YOU**. Give yourself an early Christmas gift and join these four Priests of God as they bring us into the Holy of Holies, Life in God's Presence. **You'll have a Christmas you never thought possible.**

I encourage **ALL** parish Staff, Program Directors, Ministries Leaders, Organizations and Societies leaders to join us and be sure to encourage your people to be there.

And since I have more space to fill....

Be prepared for a **SPECTACULAR ADVENT PLAY**, "Like Winter Waiting". You'll feel the joy of the angel Gabriel, the anticipation of God's people from the Old Testament, the excitement and wondering of Joseph and Mary and a cast of people just trying to live their lives in union with their God. You'll even laugh at the dialogue, and experience God's ability to laugh through us. But you'll be filled with emotion and perhaps shed a tear or two as Jesus comes, "Like Winter Waiting"... for the birth of a new springtime of **LIFE. COMING TO OLPH CHURCH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009 AT 8:00 PM. Tickets go on sale soon. DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

May God + bless you and yours now and forever,

Father Anthony
