

Pastoral Message for July 23, 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,



All those who are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith or in learning how to become Catholic are urged to attend an informative gathering in our Center on Tuesday, August 29 at 7PM. Sessions will continue on Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact Kay Arrington at 409-553-2924.

Kindly support our Youth Group Car Wash fundraiser next Sunday, July 30, after our 10 a.m. and 12 noon Masses. Fruit cocktail will also be available. Your donation will help to pay for our teens to attend the National Youth Convention in Indiana this November.



To help effect change in our lives and as a life-giving heritage for our children and their children, I encourage all Catholic families to prayerfully consider sending their children to Catholic schools, and especially our wonderful St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School. To witness how important Catholic education is to us at our Cathedral Basilica, our parish offers \$500 in tuition incentive for every child of committed and participating parish households who attend our Cathedral Basilica School. No other parish offers such an incentive to parishioners who send their child to a Catholic School. Through this incentive our parish witnesses to the importance of Catholic education in teaching the ways of Jesus. Being active parishioners in our parish gives parents an excellent economic incentive to give their children a good Catholic education through our school. Our Cathedral Basilica School is a great blessing to all of us here in our faith community, city, and diocese. There are still openings in classes at our Cathedral Basilica School and also at Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School. Please call 409-832-3486 for the Cathedral Basilica School or 409-866-2351 for MKCHS.



Our Cathedral Basilica School receives our parish's total support. This support is manifest in a wonderful way through our monthly second collection for our Cathedral Basilica School. The goodness of our parishioners offers our school thousands of dollars beyond the tuition incentive through our parish donations. I encourage you to support our fantastic Cathedral Basilica School by increasing your monthly school contribution in our second collection so that our parish may provide greater support to our school.

Excellence in Catholic high school education is the hallmark of Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School. I encourage all to prayerfully consider sending your teens to this fantastic Catholic high school. Our parish offers \$200 in tuition assistance to our Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School for every teen of committed and participating parish households who attend Kelly. Please call 409-866-2351 to enroll your high schoolers in our nationally award-winning Catholic high school.

Summer love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry