

Pastoral Message for Sunday, July 16, 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,

I am happy to inform you of our summer and fall maintenance projects: (1) repair of the deteriorated plaster and paint in the interior upper level walls of our Cathedral Basilica; (2) installation of an additional exterior downspout on the south and west rear sides of our Cathedral Basilica to abate the current water intrusion; (3) repair and renovation of our Cathedral Basilica exterior restrooms; (4) pressure washing and cleaning of our Cathedral Basilica Plaza and campus walkways; (5) replacement of the upper level exterior doors on our Cathedral Basilica north bell tower; (6) replacement of the deteriorated south side Chapter Room door; (7) painting of our Cathedral Basilica Center's ceiling; (8) stripping, sealing, and waxing of our Cathedral Basilica Center floor. All these maintenance projects will not disrupt the use of our Cathedral Basilica for any Sacred Rites and Masses.

Please consider attending our 8th Annual Diocesan Liturgical Conference entitled “Worship, Prayer, and Music” August 4-5, 2017 at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont. See our bulletin insert for a schedule of workshops and registration form. More details may be found on our diocesan website at: www.dioceseofbmt.org. Kindly call the Office of Worship at 924-4341 for more information.

I encourage you to mark your calendar and attend the annual *Tasting for Some Other Place* being held on Tuesday, August 15, from 5PM to 7PM at Beaumont Civic Center. Your support will help support the charitable works of this important Inter-Faith Ministry of which we are a covenant partner in helping the needy in our area. Tickets will be available after all Masses for a donation of \$10 per person.

I highly urge all men who have never attended an ACTS Retreat to sign up for our upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat being held at Holy Family Retreat Center here in Beaumont on August 17th through August 20th. Registration forms are available on our parish website and in our parish office. Kindly contact Bill Gier at 833-6433 ext. 107 for more information.

Enrollment continues at our Cathedral Basilica School and Monsignor Kelly High School for the 2017-18 academic year. Both schools are tremendous blessings to all of us in our parish, diocese, and region. I encourage you to call our Cathedral Basilica School at 832-3486 or Msgr. Kelly High School at 866-2351 to request a tour and enroll your children for an excellent Catholic education!

All those who are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith or in learning how to become a Catholic are urged to attend an informative gathering in our Center on Tuesday, August 29 at 7PM. Sessions will continue on Tuesday evenings at St. Anne's Church on 11th Street at Calder Avenue in Beaumont. For more information, kindly contact Kay Arrington at 409-553-2924.

Summer love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry