

From July 01, 2017 to June 30, 2022 as Priest Administrator

of Pacific County Catholic Parishes: (St Marys, St Lawrence, and St Joseph @ Holy Family)



(Imagen capturada en los días sacerdotales el 22 de junio de 2022, en el Centro Convencional, Ocean Shores, WA)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings of Love, Peace, and Joy in Christ from Fr Zevi HGN

The First News that I got after my arrival to these Parishes in July 2017 is Priest Races to Herald the Good News (Priest races to herald the good news | Family News | chinookobserver.com) How wonderful it is to hear of it being a Priest of Heralds of Good News, the Missionary Society! Though it is a challenging that to drive between Parishes, I could complete of these five (5) years. It is because of all your collaboration and cooperation of you, dear Friends - Generous contributors, Valuable volunteers, faithful Participants of every celebration, etc.

First of all, I would like to share my immense gratitude with God for His support that I could do my best that I can. He called me to be with you all as person of available to do the possible works pastorally. The works of hospitality have been vital to our Pacific County Catholic Parishes continued to be compassionate towards the needy in and through of the outreach like the Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, the Altar Society, etc. Thank you for coordinating with us. Thank you for pushing us to be our best.

Developing the structure for volunteers to work at a high level of efficiency and effectiveness is at the heart of productive groups. No matter what type of group you belong to, it's challenging to keep everyone focused and productive. This is particularly true on all the activities of our Parishes. The secret to managing successful group works dynamics is to keep the practices simple as possible. You have done these, my dear Deacons Jerry Sadler, Dick Wallace, and Jim Carney. I too share my sincere thanks to all the Staff of the past and the present along with the admirable volunteers to various ministries of the Parishes. You are all a great blessing in my life of Priesthood. I appreciate all of you who have volunteered.

- to Liturgy like Lectors, Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir members, Musicians, etc.
- to Religious Education like Teachers of preparing Parents, godparents for Infant Baptism, Teachers of Preparing Children for first Holy Communion and First Reconciliation, Teachers of Preparing the teenagers for Confirmation, etc
- to Faith Sharing Session group as the persons of leading and of participants, Teachers of RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), etc.
- to the Parish Offices as Receptionists, as Money Counters, as persons entering data in the Parish Data Systems (PDS), as members of Parish Pastoral and Financial Councils, as fundraisers for various needs of Parishes and of charitable assistance to help locally and internationally, etc.

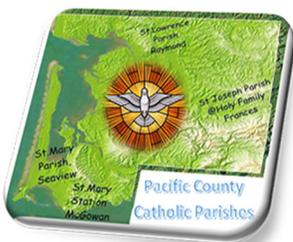


Now I just try to remember the good works and events took place in the past five years.

- Formed of the Parish Pastoral and Financial Councils in St Joseph @ Holy Family and St Lawrence.
- Annually we had three Parishes Picnic in Swiss Park, Frances on the occasion of St Lawrence's Feast (Aug 10) organized by the Knights of Columbus, Annual Meeting of Three Parishes in October, etc.
- We also have had a lot of group works as Social Activities, work party, Church Picnics (St Marys), Golf Tournament organized by St Mary's Men's Club, food Distributions during Pandemic Period, St Patrick day, Mother's Day and Father's Day Dinner/Brunch, Remit sales as fundraising programs, etc.



- Created one Facebook account for all three Parishes: Pacific-county Catholic-parishes by Fr Zevi HGN one WEBSITE: www.pccatholics.org for all three parishes with help of J and K Byron (Hoquiam, WA), on free of cost. (2018) and Created Online giving with Vanco Payment Solutions (April 2020). One bulletin for three Parishes



with Liturgical Publications Inc (LPi) contracted for 5 years in March 2020.

- Built Grotto in St Marys, Seaview in 2021-22 with around \$5,000 and blessed on June 25, 2022.



- Formed committee for the external restoration of St Mary's station, McGowan in November 2018 and the works were done in 2020 with the help of many volunteers involved of fundraising and grant writing, Generous Donors, and Dr Roof Inc with around \$110,000



- Deacon Jim Carney was ordained as Permanent Deacon for St Joseph @Holy Family, Frances in Dec 19, 2019 and he helps St Lawrence Parish too.

- St Lawrence Parish had paid Previous Loan of More than \$40,000 in 2019 and got another Loan of around \$150,000 for replacing the entire roof of the building and 20th Century Contracting did the work. Leakage of the roof/ceiling of St Lawrence Parish's Rectory was found in 2017 and fixed in 2022.



- With the help of Some volunteers, we assisted to a family from east Coast of Tamil Nadu, India affected by Very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Gaja' in 2018 of North Indian Ocean.

- Helping to the ongoing need of Missionary Childhood Ministry of Saint Stephen's Catholic Mission, Cape Rodney (Archdiocese of Port Moresby) Papua New Guinea from 2020. The Parish Pastoral and Financial Councils of all three parishes are promised to help financially to build multipurpose hall for Children's Ministry as much of 5% or more of the Collection Revenue of FY 2021-2022.



Seems like I am saying "Good Bye" and "Thank You" to a lot of good people these last five (5) years: long-time parish families left the area, parish leaders stepped down after years of service to our community in a particular ministry. Giving thanks and being appreciative of the blessings in our lives is a good frame of mind and a good thing to do.



With that thought in mind, there's one more group to thank and appreciate— and that

would be you, our parishioners! I appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our Parish Family Activities.



It has been an eventful five years, and we wouldn't have risen to the occasion the way we have



without all of you stepping up your part, and your level of engagement in parish life. Your willingness to assume greater roles and responsibilities with respect to various parish ministries and activities and leadership opportunities has helped make us the kind of dynamic, adaptive and creative parish Pope Francis and our



Archbishop wants to see. But our work is not done, there is still plenty of adapting and creativity awaiting us in the weeks and months ahead.

Let me close by thanking you in advance for your continued active engagement in our parish. Be grateful for your new Priest Administrator, but you all know Fr Vinner HGN can't do it alone. It takes all of you — priest Administrator, deacons, laity, parents, kids to be the complete Body of Christ.

As three parishes, you comprehend the fullness and challenge of living out the Parish Mission – Values – Priorities, particularly in light of the rapidly changing situation of the Catholic Church. I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store as we enter this new and different era. I hope you are as well, and I look forward to our continued relationship.



Thanking you in the friendship of Christ,
Rev Zevier H Arockiam HGN,
The outgoing Priest Administrator
of Pacific County Catholic Parishes.

