

## St. Charles Borromeo Parish Parma, Ohio



### A Message from Fr. Carlin

6 September 2020

Dear St Charles Parishioner:

This is my twenty-fourth weekly e-mail letter to you since the COVID 19 pandemic became a national concern in mid-March. It will also be the final letter. Thanks to our talented staff and the wonders of technology, we have now found a way to e-mail to you the weekly parish bulletin. For several years, the bulletin has been accessible on our parish website; you had to seek it out. Now the bulletin will be sent directly to you. I will continue to write my weekly parish bulletin column as I have done since my first "Pastor's Column" on June 14, 1987.

Although as a parish we are not yet back to full strength in all areas, a large number of parish activities are resuming their various ministries. A quick glance at this week's bulletin makes that clear: a lot of things are planned and many are already underway. Some need your help. All will follow the suggested guidelines: masks required and social distancing to be observed.

There are several important matters to be discussed, so I am asking the Parish Finance Council to meet on Thursday, September 10, at 7:45pm in the Lower Parish Hall. I also ask the Parish Council to gather for a meeting on Thursday, September 17, at 7:45pm in the John Paul II Room, second floor, Parish Activities Center.

One of our most important ministries is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those interested in joining the Catholic Church are perfect RCIA candidates. RCIA welcomes those unbaptized, or those baptized in other Christian faiths, or those baptized Catholic but who have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Reconciliation. RCIA sessions are held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 21, in the John Paul II Room, second floor, of the Parish Activities Center. RCIA concludes on Holy Saturday with baptism/profession of faith/first Eucharist/Confirmation. From September to April, RCIA sessions focus on the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be directed by our new parochial vicar, Father Josh Cochrac, and Deacon Dan Galla, assisted by a dedicated team of parishioners and assisted by the parish pastoral staff. RCIA candidates come from many backgrounds: some have been married to a Catholic for a time, some plan marriage to a Catholic, others have witnessed the Catholic Faith at work in a person they admire. To register, or for more information, call the Parish Office at 440-884-3030.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Carlin".

