

*From the Pastor's Desk,*



## Parish Priorities for St Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Church!



In the light of my being pastor of our parish here for the past 5 months I realize the fact that there are lots of blessings, some challenges and several priorities. I have already specified through one of my previous letters regarding the blessings that we have in our parish. It is a wonderful parish with lots of talents and blessings for which I am grateful always to God and thankful to everyone of you!

Now I would like to bring to your attention some of the priorities/goals as I identify at this time in the given situation. They are the following:

### (Very immediate Priorities/Goals)

- I. Finding a full time Administrative Assistant to take care of the office matters in place of Barbara Elden!
- II. Finding a part time Maintenance person to take care of our physical facility of the parish.
- III. Finding a part time Choir Director for our 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday to enhance worship and celebrate the Mass with music.

### (Immediate Priorities/Goals)

- I. The next level of priority that I see is to come up with a **Mission and Vision** Statement for our parish; and to create a **parish logo/crest** with specific colors which will reflect the Mission and Ministry of our parish. This will speak to the members of this parish who we really are at St. Marguerite d'Youville here in Lawrenceville; and where we want to go as a Catholic Community being part of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.
- II. Creating a parish by-law for the parish council and finance council.
- III. Establishing a stewardship council in the parish.
- IV. Building up our parish by inculcating the values of ownership, leadership, stewardship and fellowship and make our **church community a second home where the members really belong to; rather than just go for Mass/Service for their Spiritual needs.**
- V. Establishing more small prayer groups/activity groups based on the areas where our parishioners live; where they can really have faith experience and life experience as good Catholics.
- VI. Investing in our kids and youth by improving the quality and opportunities of Youth Ministry and Religious Education of our parish as they are the future of our Church. If we fail to invest in them and get them raised as Catholic Leaders for the future we will not have a bright future tomorrow.
- VII. Coordinating different ministries of the parish and having periodical evaluation of different ministries in compliance with the Mission and Vision of the Parish.
- VIII. Adding new ministries which will bring more life and development for our parish community.
- VIII. Creating a saving plan for the maintenance and development of our physical facility.
- IX. Educating our church members regarding the importance and value of tithing and giving to the Lord through the Church Community and Charity.

### (Long term Priorities/Goals)

- I. Set up a 3 year, 5 year, 10 year and 25 year master plan for the growth and development of the parish. These are my humble observations and recommendations for the good of our parish. I need your input and suggestions either from your groups/ministries or from your personal perspective. You are welcome to write and send them to the office to my attention or put them in to one of the suggestion boxes in front of my office, gathering place towards the hallway, social hall and the church entrance door downstairs!

We will also be talking about some of these priorities during our parish Mission; therefore please try to attend the mission if you can! God bless you all!

Loving your pastor,

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