



**OFFICE OF THE PASTOR**  
**St Ann, St John of the Woods, Sacred Heart, St Joseph,**  
**Holy Rosary Parish and School and Visitation Parish & School**

June 8, 2011

Dear Faithfull Parishioners:

As you are all aware we are fast approaching July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the new configurations for our regional six Parishes and two Schools will change.

Holy Rosary Parish, School and St Joseph Parish will resume as a grouping and be under the direction of Fr. Jacob Maurer as Priest Administrator  
Visitation Parish and School will return to a standalone Parish under the direction of Fr. Nicholas Wichert as Priest Administrator

St Ann, Sacred Heart and St John of the Woods will resume as the Regional Three Parishes of Tacoma. Fr Francisco Cancinco will join me as Parochial Vicar stationed at Sacred Heart and I will remain as Pastor. Discussions continue with the Archdiocese for the addition of a third Priest. These changes were made, in consultation with the Archdiocese.

In addition, tough decisions regarding reorganization of operations had to be made to place all in the best position for financial success in the 2011-2012 year. The result of the reorganization is that the Regional Positions currently held by Colleen Whitehead as Pastoral Associate for Regional Faith Formation and Kathy McSperitt as the Pastor's Personal Assistant for Regional Administration have been eliminated effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Both Colleen and Kathy have been very successful in providing both quality and care to all their responsibilities. The decision to eliminate their jobs has been done strictly as result of inadequate financial donations to support their continued employment with us.

Colleen has devoted 22+ years to Faith Formation at St John on the Woods and lately to the Regional 6 Parishes. She has done an excellent job and I thank her for that and for providing a wonderful experience for our children to remember about their sacraments and Religious Education as a whole. Kathy has been with me through it all, stepping in to coordinate all when I was sick and whenever I have called upon her to assist me. She has been invaluable to me. I also thank her for the support, commitment and being able to rely on her devotion to the care of our many communities.

As you can see by this letter, I am doing all I can to place us in the best position to weather our struggling economy. I am working with each Pastoral and Financial Councils to provide a lean and healthy budget. I remain committed to continue to work with the leadership of each Parish, the Councils and our various ministries to continue to serve you the best way I can. I ask that each of you join me in prayer and service to continue all that God is asking us to do.

***Each of you is needed.***

Sincerely, Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tuan V. Nguyen D. Min.".

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