



St. Charles Borromeo Church

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Dear Parishioners,

I have had the honor of serving both at Sacred Heart and at St. Charles for a little over three years. It has truly been a blessing to know so many of you in this wonderful parish family. As previously announced, the Archbishop appointed me just for St Charles parish a couple of months back. This is a unique appointment, in that I'll now be in residence at St. Charles and be the on-site clergy presence responsible for the day-to-day operations, including the celebration of the sacraments and working with the lay leadership of the community.

I thank the so many priests who have provided sacramental presence for us over the years when there was no resident assigned priest. I thank Chris Welsh for his selfless service to our parish. His role as Pastoral Associate has been invaluable for parish life and growth these last ten years. I want to sincerely thank him once more.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish has gone through many transitions over its more than a hundred and seventy years. In the midst of it all, we have remained a truly Catholic Community in the heart of Pikesville, welcoming and celebrating with one another the mysteries of God's love. Generations upon generations have made this place, their Spiritual Home, their House of Worship. Many others have joined us from other parts of the world in the last decade. We are all one; we are all daughters and sons of God our Father, created in his own image and likeness. And so, we always gather as the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I am delighted to be here with you and for you and together we will continue to journey together in faith and hope. As the Body of Christ and part of His flock, we are united in one bond of Charity. Journeying together in faith, we strive to be missionary disciples. We are challenged to stretch ourselves to go deeper in our relationship with Christ, embrace the mission of the Church more fully, and live out this mission in our daily lives.

I look forward to continuing my ministry among you and knowing each and every one of you. Feel free to stop by the office for a conversation. With God's grace, we can be faithful even in, and especially during difficult times, in times of uncertainty, pandemic, and transition. We pray and ask God to open our eyes and hearts to where he leads; strengthening our faith and families. It should be us together.

You all have been in my prayers especially in these challenging times with the pandemic. Keep safe and healthy! Know that in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we have taken the necessary steps and precautions to keep everyone safe as we are returning to Church. Come join us! If you are still unable to join us for mass at this time, you can still provide critical support for our parish.

Please know that you are in my prayers and I ask you to hold me in yours as we begin our new adventure together. May the Eucharist we share, that which is the very embodiment of faithfulness and trust, give us the grace for a life faithful and pleasing to the Lord.

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

May God bless you,

Fr. Canisius