

# SAID ED May 18, 2014

## "Sister Parishes"

Shortly after the announcement that Bishop Matano had appointed me to assume the Pastoral Leadership of the Church of the Resurrection, I began meeting with a small group of folks from both parishes to plan for a smooth transition for us all. We started on the first Saturday of Lent and will continue into June. We've been developing leadership strategies and preparing for the end of June when transition will take effect. Since communication through this process is important to both parishes I want to present our progress to date. This is being published in the bulletins of both parishes this weekend so we will all see and share in our progress together.

### STATEMENT AND REQUEST FOR INPUT Churches of the Resurrection and Assumption Sister Parishes in the Catholic Community of Fairport

By now you know that effective June 24, 2014, Father Edward Palumbos will assume additional pastoral responsibilities at Church of the Resurrection on Mason Road here in Fairport, effectively making Resurrection and the Church of the Assumption "sister" parishes.

To be clear, the pastorship at Resurrection is in addition to Fr. Ed's spiritual leadership at Assumption. This is not a merger of the two parishes. Both communities will retain their unique ministries, worship routines and financial plans, though some business-related functions that leverage our combined scale and fiscal calendar will have common leadership.

Here are some key highlights the Catholic Communities at Assumption and Resurrection should know:

- Father Edward Palumbos will lead both parishes, as pastor to both Communities
- Mass Times at both parishes will not change
- Sister Joan Cawley will serve the Resurrection community as Pastoral Associate
- The pastoral staffs at both parishes will remain in place with focus on the spiritual development, faith formation and service opportunities of their respective parishes
- Lay ministries will retain their unique parish services, identities and missions. Leaders and participants will continue to be empowered and supported in using their gifts on behalf of their parish communities
- Financial plans and collections will remain separate and distinct for each parish, maintaining operating and capital budgets specific to each Church community

Webster defines the word "catholic" as "universal in extent; involving all; of interest to all." Each parish's special identity and uniqueness will be celebrated while our common faith will be nourished under Father Ed's pastoral leadership.

\*\*\*\*\*

This is our parish! What concerns, questions or ideas do you have as we begin this new, special relationship between the Church of the Resurrection and Church of the Assumption? Please take a moment to tell us what is on your mind. You may email either KC Bush (COTA) at [KCandSarahbush@gmail.com](mailto:KCandSarahbush@gmail.com) or Linda Keefe (COR) at [lkeefe1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lkeefe1@rochester.rr.com). Or please feel write your thoughts down and drop a note in the weekly collection basket by June 1st, 2014. Your candor and ideas are welcome.

The Leadership Development Team from COTA and COR!

Have a great week!

---