

My dear Little Flower,

Our parish staff have been with me on a three-day Parish Catalyst - a formative and learning community that aims to gather parish leaders - to share, plan and grow together as a leadership team.

I write to you today on the profound topic of discipleship and how it reflects in our parish as a whole. As we take a break this summer to embark yet on a new season of faith formation in September, I believe it is imperative that we deepen our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how we can collectively embody this calling within our parish community.

What is Discipleship? Discipleship is a lifelong journey of following Jesus Christ, learning from Him, and living out His teachings in every aspect of our lives. It involves a deep personal relationship with Jesus, marked by love, trust, and obedience. Disciples are not merely passive listeners but active participants in God's mission to bring about His kingdom on earth.

How Does Discipleship Reflect in Our Parish? Our parish aims to be a community of disciples who gather regularly to worship God, grow in our faith, and serve one another. We aspire to be a welcoming and inclusive community, thus creating a culture where everyone feels loved and accepted. Through our various ministries and outreach programs, we strive to reach out to those in need and share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

Religious Faith Formation Registration Open

As we prepare for the upcoming year of faith formation, I would like to remind parents that registration is now open. This is an opportunity for your children to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, as well as to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Catechists Needed!

In order to provide our children with the best possible faith formation experience, we need you! We need of catechists. Catechists are volunteer teachers who are passionate about sharing their faith with children. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Genevieve, our Pastoral Associate for Religious Formation and Family Ministry.

I would personally like to thank the Catechists who made everything possible and successful during our last formation season. Your stewardship, participation and discipleship created a profound sense of dedication, care and love in our community.

An Opportunity for Parents to Accompany Their Children in Faith

I encourage parents to consider accompanying their children in faith by becoming catechists or by actively participating in our Religious Formation parish community. Your involvement will not only benefit your children but also enrich your own spiritual journey.

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we continue to grow as a community of disciples, reflecting the love and compassion of Christ to all those we encounter.

Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino