

April 26/27, 2008

Dear Members of St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini Parishes,

In a short time that greeting will become “Members of St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parish.” I recently met with Bishop Murry and the Diocesan Priest Council to recommend the merging of our two parishes into one. The Priest Council was in agreement with the merger and recommended to the Bishop that we move forward with it. Since then I have been notified by the Bishop’s office that the merger will officially take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, May 30, 2008.

Merging the two parishes is an administrative change that makes our two separate parishes into one new parish with a new identity. The new identity will be “St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parish,” as mentioned above. The new parish will have this new name, new sacramental record books, new bank accounts with a new tax I.D. number and new envelopes for you, the parishioners of this new parish.

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini becomes a new entity as a new parish. Later this summer we will formally celebrate the birth of this new parish with Bishop Murry. Details on that celebration are to follow.

On another matter, I want to update you on the status of the A/C for St. Frances Cabrini church. CT Consultants recently informed me that the backlog of their work load has not allowed them to do the detailed study on the A/C to have it ready for this summer. This week they promised to put me in contact with a local company that will be able to begin this study and make recommendations to me. I am disappointed that the study has not yet been done and that there will not be A/C for this summer, but I am also happy that another company will be able to do the study. I will keep you informed on the progress of this project.

May the approaching season of First Communions, Mothers’ Day and Graduations be filled with many blessings for all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond J. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reverend Raymond J. Thomas
Pastor