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Peace to you!

Since July we have been in a time of transition in our parishes as we began another phase of the Pastoral Plan first begun over five years ago. Our five parishes having one pastor and one cohesive staff team has been in the works. We are now in the stage of implementing the plan for a more unified staff and ministry structure in our parishes for the sake of being poised more effectively for mission.

There are quite a few moving pieces in this plan. The first is that we are planning for the staff currently at the Notre Dame rectory office to move to the St. Charles rectory, which we are naming the Our Lady of the Falls Central Office, before November. Our target goal is Monday, October 19th. Please stay tuned for that. After the offices at Notre Dame are moved, those rooms will undergo a renovation to become two living spaces for Fr. Kren and Fr. Welles. We hope that those spaces would be ready for them to move from St. Charles rectory to Notre Dame rectory before Christmas, with our ambitious target date being Monday, November 16th.

The most involved piece of this stage of our Pastoral Plan is the reorganization of the staffing structure of our parishes. As I mentioned last weekend, some staff positions will no longer exist, some will be adjusted, and some new positions are being created. By the time you read this bulletin column, we will have posted some new job positions for Our Lady of the Falls. These new positions are: 1) Director of Administration and Communication, who will oversee the administrative staff of the pastorate and have communication as a central duty. 2) Liturgy Administrative Assistant, who will oversee the administrative duties that involve Sunday Mass and sacraments. 3) Ministry Administrative Assistant, will help ensure the effective day-to-day operation of our many growing ministries, such as Youth, Faith Formation, OCIA, Marriage prep and more. 4) Executive Administrative Assistant, who will assist the pastor and the other priests in scheduling, correspondence, and other administrative tasks. 5) Senior Director of Missionary Discipleship. This position is unique. This person will assist the pastor in overseeing all of the ministries of our parishes and support the staff and volunteers to be disciples who evangelize and grow the Church.

For a greater description of each of these positions and information on how to apply, please use the QR code by scanning it with your smart phone, or visit https://app.dover.com/jobs/ourladyofthefalls.

We have also finished moving to one combined parish website for the Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community (https://www.ourladyofthefalls.org/). A page on the website is being created with the information on the open positions and how to apply. Please share that information with anyone who you think would be qualified and interested! This webpage will also have more information regarding our Staffing Plan.

A combined parish bulletin has a target goal by the end of this month. Thank you for your patience as we work on all the finer details. Please pray for the good success of our pastoral plan so that we can continue to advance the Kingdom of God here in the Chippewa area.