

“Let us make our Parish Vibrant again...”

Dear Parish Family member,

In the last two and half years, we have experienced many ups and downs in life with various variants of Covid. It affected the whole world badly and still continues to affect us. It also affected our faith life. Many have left faith for no reasons and there are many who have come back to faith. And still there are many who stood strong in their faith regardless of all the difficulties. They trusted in God and continue to experience the protection of the Lord.

I came to St Charles Borromeo Parish in the peak of Covid pandemic. After couple of weeks, I asked myself what am I going to do here? There are not many people in the church, no activities going on and I see people only on Sundays. Did I get an answer? I didn't. Then I asked the Lord. Lord, what do you want me to do? Did I get the answer? I did. He said, “You don't have to do anything. I will do.” Ever since I have seen in our community and my priestly ministry how the Lord has been active. My part is just to be there available for Him. He has been making our parish vibrant again.

We just did the ‘KICK OFF’ of our parish feast preparation last Sunday and your response was amazing. As you all know the purpose of our feast celebration is to make our Faith Family Vibrant again. When each of us become vibrant in the community our parish will become vibrant. When each of us become active our parish will become active. This year for the feast we have different activities for all of us to be part of. We are raffling a car, (Thanks to Bishop Nevares who kindly donated his car to the community), 75” TV and a home cooked Dinner with our Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Mons. George, Dn. Catarino and myself. The purpose of the raffle is to pay off our second part of debt. We are looking forward to raise \$130K.

Now what should we do?

First of all, pray for the success of this feast celebration and to make our parish Vibrant again. Secondly, participate in all the activities that are being organized, invite our family and friends to join us, buy the raffle tickets and sell as many as you can to your family friends who are not even members in our community. These coming months spent some time after the masses to talk to people in the parish and get to know each other more, learn the names those praying with you and get involved in various ways. I look forward to your participation and to get know each of you more.

Let us pray together more, journey together and make our parish family vibrant again.

Fr. James