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Dear Parish Family,

Although the summer season is almost upon us, we feel it is already here. As the line of an old song said, "the heat is on, on the street".

As we feel the onslaught of the summer's hot weather, I remembered a concerned mother's complaint about the necessity of reminding parishioners of the proper attire for Sunday masses. It dawned on me that it was not a complaint at all but rather a motherly concern for God's children. I have to agree with her. She made a very valid concern. With the heat of summer upon us, some are tempted to wear "casual" attire as if they are going to the beach. "It's just too hot Father!" I know we are a people of comfort but we dress properly and appropriately because we are going to see Jesus. It is a special occasion.....a special event.....a gathering with the Lord! Bear the discomfort that the summer's heat brings because it's just momentary. Maybe one can offer the discomfort as a form of penance for one's sins. Why not?

Maybe we need to examine our attitude. How we dress for an occasion can impact the event. A meeting with an important person would call for much preparation. I am always impressed at how those people who bring us the nightly news dress themselves. When I see them, I always have this wish that people can dress like that when they come for Sunday mass. No matter what kind of weather it is, we must dress properly and appropriately. After all we dress up for the Lord! What a powerful teaching we can impart on our children and teenagers!

Peace,

Fr. Dwight