

# The Diocese of Belleville

June 19, 2009

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus The First Day of the Papal Year for Priests

Dear Monsignor Flach:

Peace be with you! I am happy to appoint you as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Marion, effective July 14, 2009. (please read canons 515-544 of The Code of Canon Law.)

Our parishes are vital centers of Christian faith and service in our Catholic communities. It is a special pleasure for me, as your Bishop, to call priests to serve as pastors of our parishes. I am confident that your faithful service to the People of God will be spiritually beneficial for you and your new community of faith. I am very grateful to you for your generous service to the People of God in Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo. I am sure the Christian Faithful have appreciated your faithful service.

This appointment is for a term of six years. "In accord with Canon 522. the National Conference of Catholic Bishops may appoint pastors to a six year term of office. The possibility of renewing this term is left to the discretion of the Diocesan Bishop". (New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law. pp. 693-694). I am confident that you will approach your new ministry with renewed zeal. With this letter, I authorize you to act in the name of St. Joseph Parish in all matters according to Canon 532.

Every Pastor today faces many challenging responsibilities in his effort to bring his people closer to Jesus Christ. He preaches the Gospel, explains the Scriptures and celebrates the Sacraments. He provides for the religious education and formation of children and adults. He enters intimately into the lives of the faithful in times of joy and sorrow, from birth to death. He has a special concern for the poor, the sick, and the victims of injustice, and he must be solicitous of those who have been alienated from the Church. He must do all of this in complete fidelity to the *magisterium* of the Church.

I am enclosing copies of the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity. These should be read aloud and signed during the Mass of Installation, which should take place at a public Mass no later than six weeks after the start of your ministry that is convenient for you and the Dean. Please send these witnessed and signed documents to the Chancellor, Reverend Kenneth York, immediately after the Installation. Two Rites of Installation are enclosed. You may use the one you prefer. I am confident that the People of God in St. Joseph Parish in Marion will welcome you and assist you in learning about their community of faith.

Know that the Vicar General, Father John W. McEvelly, and I are anxious to sustain a bond of trust and cooperation with you and 10 assist you and the People of God that I am now entrusting to your pastoral care in whatever way we can. We will pray for you often, especially at the Eucharist.

May the Lord who begins this new work in you, dear Monsignor Flach, bring it to fulfillment *Oremus pro invicem*.

**Fraternally and appreciatively yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, PhD, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville**

Dear Father Idagbo:

Peace be with you! I am pleased to appoint you as Administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo, effective July 14, 2009. I urge you to build on the good work accomplished by the departing Pastor, Monsignor Thomas D. Flach. I am confident that your faithful service to the People of God will be spiritually beneficial for you and this community of faith. With this letter, I authorize you to act in the name of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in all matters according to Canon 532.

I am deeply grateful to you, Father Idagbo for your generosity in leaving your familiar life and fruitful ministry in Nigeria in order to become a missionary in the United States and in our Diocese, which urgently needs priests. You have brought outstanding talents to your new ministry. Over and above your natural gifts and your deep personal faith and your love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, you have an excellent education. During these past months, you have gained the respect and affection of the Christian Faithful at Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Whenever an international priest takes up pastoral ministry in service of people of a different culture and background, it is always necessary for the new priest and the parishioners to be patient with one another as they adjust to different approaches to some aspects of pastoral life. During the course of your ministry at Saints Peter and Paul, I am sure that the People of God will be enriched by you and you will be enriched by them. I have informed all of the Catholic people of Southern Illinois in my Pastoral Letter, "We Are His Witnesses," that in the Church there are no "foreign" priests, only Christ's priests. International Missionary priests have been serving in our Diocese since it was erected more than one hundred and twenty years ago. I would ask you and the faithful of Saints Peter and Paul Parish to work and pray often for vocations to the priesthood from your communities of faith.

As Parish Administrator, you embrace many challenging responsibilities in the effort to bring Christian Faithful closer to Jesus Christ. You must preach the Gospel, explain the Scriptures and celebrate the Sacraments. You provide for the religious education and formation of children and adults. You will enter intimately into the lives of the faithful in times of joy and sorrow, from birth to death. You must have a special concern for the poor, the sick, and the victims of injustice, and you must be solicitous of those who have been alienated from the Church. You must do all of this in complete fidelity to the *magisterium* of the Church.

As you know, Saints Peter and Paul is a large parish contemplating important building projects. The parish will need the guidance of a wise administrator. I am sure the able parish leadership will provide you with support and good advice as you make decisions for the future. In order to provide stability to the parish, it is my hope that Father Michael Ngo- C.M., your Vincentian Provincial, will allow you to serve here for at least five years.

Know that the Vicar General, Father John W. McEvelly, and I are anxious to assist you and the People of God that I am now entrusting to your pastoral care in whatever way we can. We will pray for you often, especially at the Eucharist.

May the Lord who begins this new work in you, dear Father Osang, bring it to fulfillment. *Oremus pro invicem*.

**Fraternally and appreciatively yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, PhD, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville**

# Parish & Community News

Dear Father Konieczny:

Peace be with you! I am pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo, effective July 14, 2009. This new pastoral assignment will give you the opportunity to experience ministry in a different part of the Diocese. Build upon your experience at St. Augustine of Canterbury in order to deepen your appreciation of the life and work of a priest.

I am confident that The Reverend Osang Idagbo, the new Administrator of the Parish, who is well known to you from the Wisdom Community, will welcome you and introduce you to the pastoral needs of the parish. I urge you to enter into all aspects of parish life in order to contribute in every way you can to this vital, growing parish.

I would like you to put a particular emphasis on working with the young people in the Parish school. You and Father Idagbo should do all you can to call forth vocations to the priesthood. Invite the people to pray and work daily for vocations.

May God bless and continue to strengthen you and bless you, dear Father Konieczny, as you begin your pastoral service to His Holy People. *Oremus pro invicem.*

Fraternally and appreciatively yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, PhD, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00-12:00PM  
& 1:00-4:00PM  
Closed on Friday

## Weekday Mass Servers

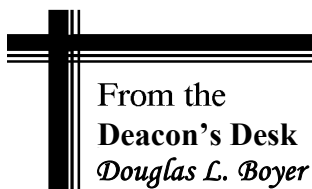


WEEK OF JUNE 22-26  
**Monday**  
Michael Toth & Andrew Reinholz  
**Wednesday**  
Maura Buchheit/Server Needed  
**Thursday**  
Colton Miskell & Jonathan Kreher  
**Friday**  
Michael Toth/Server Needed



WEEK OF JUNE 29-JULY 3  
**M** - Toth/Reinholz, **W** - Servers Needed,  
**Th** - Miskell/Kreher, **F** - Servers Needed

Servers Needed for 8:00AM Weekday Masses - M, W, F.  
Please call the Parish Office (939-6426) to volunteer.



From the  
**Deacon's Desk**  
*Douglas L. Boyer*

I want to wish all our dads a Happy Fathers Day. The celebrations of Fathers Day (and Mothers Day) are good times to be thankful to our parents for more than just the gift of life. Our parents are the first ones who help us to form our conscience and help us become good human beings. They also are our first teachers in the ways of faith. Perhaps most importantly, they teach us about God the Father's love for us by their actions. They teach us that we are loved unconditionally, even when we mess up. They show us that love is forgiving. They show us that we are loved equally, but in different ways, based on our needs. Granted, none of us do it perfectly. Please take the time to not only thank Dad, but also to thank God for the gift that Dad is in your life.

Once again, I want to express my gratitude to all who helped make the picnic such a success. It was great to see not only the many volunteers who are here faithfully every year, but also a number of new faces. Our picnic chairs for this year, Darak and Adrienne did a fabulous job. Thanks for stepping into some big shoes. I also want to thank all those who contributed so generously to make sure that Fr. Osang and I got a good bath in the dunking booth!

## Ss. Peter & Paul Parish & School

### GOLD RUSH

\$25,000 in prizes GUARANTEED!

Congratulations to Ken Valentine who is the winner of the first Early Bird Drawing for \$1,000. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or at the Church exits. Buy your tickets early.

## PICNIC THANK YOU

We were blessed with lovely weather both nights of the picnic. THANK YOU to all of the parishioners for sharing their time, talent and resources. We are extremely grateful for the leadership of the individual stand chairpersons, the committed workers from the Holy Name, and the volunteers who helped with set-up and tear down. We extend a special thanks to Diane Guttman for her guidance and assistance. A big thanks to everyone who came together to support and make the 2009 picnic a success.

We served 675 lbs. of fish, 895 chicken dinners (522 adults, 72 children, 301 carry-outs), 960 hamburgers, and numerous hot dogs. Thanks to the quilting ladies and parishioners for providing the 66 beautiful quilts that were won this year.

We express gratitude to Butch Kunkel for the great job he does in coordinating the Honor Roll. This year's effort raised \$6,018 for the beer and soda stands! A full picnic report will be published when finalized.

*Darak & Adrienne LaCroix,*  
*Picnic 2009 Chairpersons*