



# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC PARISH FORT WORTH, TEXAS



Dear Parish Members of Saint Maria Goretti Church,

This is your former Pastor, Fr. Jim, greeting you from St. Andrew Parish in Fort Worth. I was called back to this Diocese last summer, enjoying yet another stellar Parish in the role of Pastor. I have missed you, know you are in good Pastoral, and loving hands, praise God!

Fr. Luke has generously given his permission for me to invite you to bring CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH to St. Andrew Parish. You remember Good Shepherd Parish kindly brought CRHP to us a few years ago. For their Instrumentality, I and we are eternally grateful. I know SMG has reaped many Blessings from the Good Lord as you answered the call to stir the waters of Holy Baptism and nurture our Catholic Faith under the auspices of this wonderful evangelization effort of Christ Renews His Parish. I would very much like to bring that same dynamic to this gentle Congregation, that they too may experience increased zeal for our wonderful Catholic Faith.

I invite you to seriously discern this challenging call to bring CRHP to my newest assignment of St. Andrew here in Fort Worth. It's a commitment of time and effort, as you know. This is a sacrifice, which means, "to make holy."

So much good comes from this dynamic. There is a deep realization among most of what our Faith means in our lives and how we are sustained by Catholic prayer and teaching in these very strange days of challenges to Faith, Hope and Love on all levels. CRHP sustains and deepens Catholic commitment, convicting us even more to the fire of Christ's love for the Body of Christ the Church. Each member, both those traveling to a new place to evangelize and those attending a CRHP weekend experience great Grace with a bonding of its members as we come to know each other more and better. Truly, a Community of Faith is stirred even more. The whole Parish is enriched, and truly "renewed" by Christ Himself.

CRHP certainly effects the whole Parish. Priests see change in the true sense of conversion and an added hunger for the proclaimed Word and our Sacramental system. I was gladdened to see Adoration attendees increase there and more involvement in ministries and established organizations at SMG. That investment and involvement is ever needed among us in our Catholic Churches. I see the need here. As established as this Parish is in a rich tradition akin to St. Maria's, a stirring of the Holy Spirit seems timely and right for St. Andrew Parish.

You will be hearing from the steering committee of SMG CRHP, asking for many to bring to us what you've reaped there via CRHP. PLEASE come and give to others here what you have received. I so appreciate the sacrifices this will entail. But the good Lord can never be outdone in generosity! You will be greatly blessed, as you become Evangelizers to yet another Catholic community of this august Diocese of Fort Worth. Consider this note a sending out of THE CALL to serve the Body of Christ the Church with the Grace poured out on you as CRHP Alumni. Gift us here, please. And I thank the SMG Friars for their support and encouragement in this Spirit-filled endeavor of CRHP.

The Spirit is a'movin!  
Blessings, prayers and much LOVE,

Fr. Jim Gigliotti, TOR