



DIocese of Buffalo
Office of the Bishop

December 6, 2021
Memorial of Saint Nicholas

Rev. Jozef Dudzik
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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians, Resurrection, and St. Josephat Parishes:

Father Dudzik has been appointed the administrator of Resurrection and St. Josephat Parishes, in addition to his responsibilities at of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish effective today, December 6, 2021. Fr. Dudzik, with the assistance of other priests, will ensure that the sacramental needs of each parish are met in the best possible way. He also will facilitate the preliminary work in preparation of the formation of a Family of Parishes in phase one of the Road to Renewal to be launched in October 2022.

The Diocese of Buffalo has a vibrant history and will mark its 175th Anniversary in 2022. At this time, the clergy shortage is more evident than ever so it is important for each parish community to work collaboratively with the others. Various decisions such as Mass schedules, office hours, and coordinating the ministry and maintenance of each of the parishes will require study, input, and implementation. Some of these will bring about change and require prayer and patience.

Your role in the life of the parish is vital. Consider learning and participating in sessions regarding the Road to Renewal and the Family of Parishes model. Pray how you can best serve your parish, sharing your time and talent. Continue to be present at Mass and support each other, including Fr. Dudzik and the other priests in your prayer. Finally, pray for vocations to the priesthood. Vocations come from your families and your parish communities where faith is alive and active. Pray that your son, grandson, nephew or someone from your parish community may hear God's call to serve as a priest.

It is with open minds and hearts, the we all can use the resources currently available to renew and strengthen our faith and that of others. We need to look toward the future with a vision of not how things were done in the past, but what can be done in a very different present time and a future with new opportunities.

As we journey during this Season of Advent, a time of hope and renewal, be assured of my continued prayers and support as we all strive to live and be guided by the light of the Christ Child of Bethlehem.

With the assurance of every good wish and blessing, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

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