



Bits and pieces



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To my Our Lady of Victory Family, from Katie Pyles:

Alex and I, unfortunately, have to leave Our Lady of Victory. We are moving back to Illinois to live with my parents. Alex has been job searching for 7 months, and is only finding traction with companies near where my parents live. I will also hopefully be taking another ministry job in the future.

It's important to both of us that you know how sad we are to leave. We love it here. BUT, we feel the Lord calling us to go, and we can't ignore His call any longer. I want you all to know how loved I have felt here. You are good people. You welcomed my family with open arms, and supported us through a very tough and emotional year. We got married here, and are baptizing our baby here, because it is a good and holy place to be. We wanted Aggie and Nicholas to experience this parish, and to grow with God in this area.

God asks us to trust Him with our lives, and that's what we are trying to do. We will follow Jesus, even when it is hard. I believe that the Lord is preparing this parish for something great--truly great! He must have bigger plans for religious education and youth ministry than I am able to carry out. I believe, firmly, that God puts us where we are most effective. I will humbly and faithfully accept that our God is placing me and my family somewhere else. I hope that you know how much we will miss this place. We love you all very much. Thank you for being our family for the last two years. God bless you all.

From Father Mike:

On behalf of the Staff and so many others, please know that we will miss Katie (and Alex, and baby Aggie-Maggie, and Nicholas) very, very much. Katie, in her nearly two years with us has brought a great richness not only to the Parish Staff, but the Parish as well, and she will be greatly missed. Her last weekend here is next weekend, September 10th . . ., so we hope you will take time to offer her your prayers and well wishes (and on Sunday, come do that at Coffee and Donuts after either the 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM Masses under the new Pavilion.)

We know that God never allows a door to close without opening another one . . . we believe that will be true for Katie, Alex, Aggie-Maggie and Nicholas . . . and know it is true for us as well.

I am pleased to announce that (Mrs.) Joanne Pasko, a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory and a Catholic School Teacher

for many years, among other ministerial positions in the Church, will be taking on the role of Interim Director of Religious Education. Joanne brings with her not only a deep and rich faith firmly rooted in the Roman Catholic Church but a love of God, people and children and youth, along with a good catechetical background and other gifts and talents. We hope you will welcome her and be as excited about her joining us in this capacity at this time as she is about it and we are about her. Joanne will be introducing herself in the very near future, so stay tuned.

I am also pleased to announce that Josh Arbogast (soon to be a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory) will also be joining us and taking on the role of Interim Youth Minister. I have known Josh since he was about 7-8 years old. Josh attended Borromeo Seminary, graduated from John Carroll University, and was also at Saint Mary Seminary for a time. Josh brings with him a great love for helping youth connect with God and grow in their relationship with the Lord. He is well connected with several youth in the area (some in our own Parish) as well as some young adults who, from their Youth Group Days continue to remain close friends and support one another. We hope you will welcome Josh and be as excited about his joining us in this capacity at this time as he is about it and we are about him. Josh will be introducing himself in the very near future, so stay tuned.

Most of all, let us continue to support one another in and through prayer. We all want the best for our parish and those we love . . . and we all desire to grown in our

love of the Lord and be faithful, faith-filled, on-fire disciples . . . and with God's grace and strength and our mutual respect and support of one another, we can and will do just that.

Sincerely yours in ChristFr. Mike