



# "SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS"

*(Begins Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 7-8 PM, followed by a Reception)*

*(a joint **Parish Mission** with Holy Family and Our Lady of Victory Parishes) presented by*  
**Father Albert Haase, OFM\***

As early as the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Christians started to sign themselves with a cross. Eighteen centuries later, we continue the practice of making the sign of the cross when we start to pray, when we celebrate the sacraments, and when we enter a church. Done so often and usually out of habit, has this ancient gesture lost its meaning for us?

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a parish mission entitled SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS. We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of our salvation.

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM:** "We sign ourselves in the name of the Father to be reminded that God is unconditionally loving and challenges us to love all people as our brothers and sisters."  
*(Presented at Our Lady of Victory Church)*

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM:** "We sign ourselves in the name of the Son to be reminded that God wants our trust and love."  
*(Presented at Our Lady of Victory Church)*

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM:** "We sign ourselves in the name of the Holy Spirit to be reminded that we are called to be Dream Keepers."  
*(Presented at Holy Family Church in Stow)*

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