3-12-19

Dear Holy Family Parishioners,

Here are some updates and some things to consider.

The Diocese has some concerns about our proposed agreement with Ecclesia Domestica.  There are some things that need to be addressed.  I will be meeting with Bishop Sirba his staff and the Ecclesia Domestica Board April 2nd in Duluth.  I am hopeful that we can work through any hangups.  Please pray for this meeting.  I have spoken to Kevin Olson (the leader of Ecclesia Domestica) and he is aware of the importance of this meeting.

It sounds like the plan is to have stations of the Cross on Wednesdays before adoration.  The ladies will discuss and let people know, but the tentative plan was to do stations on Wednesdays at 9:30 starting next week (20th).

Next Month we are planning a prayer service for this whole process with Ecclesia Domestica and the Diocese.  Before our normal parish meeting, we will have stations of the Cross at 4:30, a soup supper afterwards and our normal parish meeting after that.  This will take place April 9th.

I will be working with Midge to send out a notice regarding the last Parish Mass on April 28th with Bishop Sirba.  If you know parishioners or even people who have come to the parish over the years you can let them know the Mass is April 28th at noon.

The question was raised, does this mean we can't have Mass at Holy Family after this?  My response is: it’s our last Sunday Mass as the Parish of Holy Family.  But we can still do funerals, and if this deal with Ecclesia Domestica goes through then they would still use the Church for Mass, but it wouldn't be considered the Parish of Holy Family any longer, it would be a retreat center chapel.

So please pray that the Lord will guide this whole process.  If the plan with Ecclesia Domestica falls through, I am not sure what we would do, but I trust the Lord will guide us whatever the outcome may be.

Our next parish meeting will be April 9th after prayer and soup supper, probably around 5:30.

Jesus Mary and Joseph, pray for us,

-Fr. Eli