

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

September 22, 2013

Dear Friends,

The recent change in weather has left us in no doubt that fall has arrived. But what a summer it was! I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the incredible weather and to 'kick back' a little.

Speaking of change, I need to let you know of a change in our pastoral team. TerryAnn Bowen, our Director of Faith Formation and RCIA, will be leaving us at the end of this month.

I know you will want to join me in wishing Godspeed to TerryAnn. She has decided to leave her position here in order to pursue her doctoral degree as well as other ministerial opportunities. TerryAnn joined our staff in 2006 as director of our Welcome Back and adult Confirmation programs, and since 2011, she has ministered faithfully and lovingly as director of the RCIA and other adult educational programs. Those of you who have had the privilege of getting to know TerryAnn are aware of what a beautifully caring person she is. She has touched many lives by her ability to listen, to affirm, to teach, and to inspire. As she takes her leave from our staff (not our parish!), I know you will want to join me in wishing her well and keeping her in your prayers.

During the period between now and when a new RCIA director has been identified, I am grateful to Patty Bowman, our director of social outreach, for stepping into RCIA as interim director. She will be assisted by Corinna Laughlin, director of liturgy, and by our very gifted RCIA team.


Father Michael G. Ryan