



GOOD NEWS ST. PIUS V PARISH



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PARISH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

FR. JOSE SANTIAGO COMES HOME TO ST. PIUS V, PILSEN

On August 1 the parishioners and staff of St. Pius V welcomed our new pastor, Fr. José M. Santiago, O.P., who makes a homecoming to the parish in which he grew up.

Born in Puerto Rico, Fr. José came to Chicago and the Pilsen neighborhood with his family as a baby. He attended Mass here, became involved in the youth group, and credits the parish and the Dominican brothers for providing direction and faith during his formative years.

SERVED AS PASTOR AND TEACHER

Ordained in 1993, Fr. José has degrees from Loyola University - Chicago, Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, University of Illinois - Chicago, and Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio.

He most recently taught pastoral theology at Aquinas Institute while serving at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Ferguson, Missouri, the site of much unrest since the shooting of teenager Michael Brown.

Fr. José also has served as pastor at Holy Rosary parish in Minneapolis and St. Dominic parish in Denver.

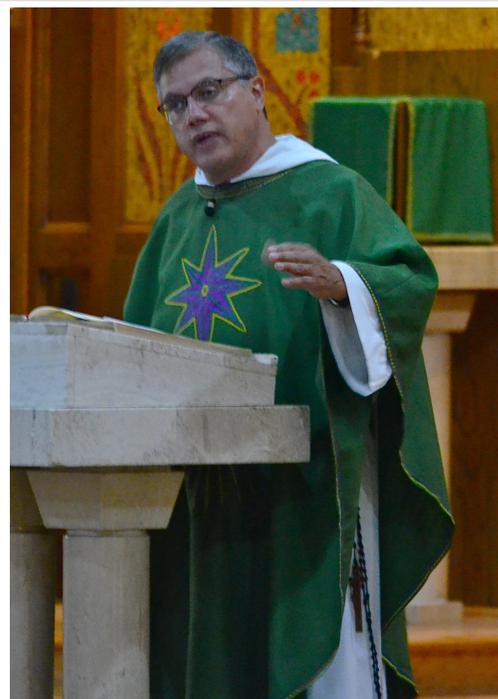
RETURN TO PARISH MINISTRY

After six years of teaching, Fr. José is very happy to be back in the diversity of a parish like St. Pius V. "I love parish ministry," he says. "I love engaging parishioners, I love engaging staff.

"St. Pius V has a long history of engaging the community," he added, "and I look forward to carrying on that mission. At the same time, I want our parish to continue to be a leader in a neighborhood and in a city that are undergoing great changes."

ENGAGING FAMILIES AND YOUTH

The outreach of HOPE family ministries, one of our parish's signature programs, is of particular value to Fr.



Fr. José M. Santiago, O.P., who grew up in Pilsen and St. Pius V parish, began his service as pastor on August 1.

José who did his doctoral thesis on domestic violence, with research at St. Pius V and in the Pilsen community.

Fr. José also plans to build the parish's ministry to and with young people. In addition to supporting the work of Casa Juan Diego, the parish's after-school and summer programs, he has added staff positions for youth ministry and young adult ministry.

"As a son of this parish and of an immigrant family," he said, "I know how important an education and a community of faith are to a young person growing up. Just as I received much from this parish in my youth, I want to provide opportunities for young people today to benefit as well."

CELEBRATING THE HARVEST OCTOBER 24, 2015 A GREAT NIGHT FOR A GREAT CAUSE



Celebrating the Harvest is the annual parish awards banquet for St. Pius V and is the primary fundraising event of the year.

Join us to honor:

Raul Raymundo, The Resurrection Project
The Greater Chicago Food Depository
Maura and Leonardo Vargas and Family

Master of Ceremonies: Lourdes Duarte, WGN News

WELCOMING. TEACHING. TRANSFORMING LIVES



SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS NEW STUDENTS, FAMILIES, TEACHERS FACULTY STRENGTHENS CURRICULUM WITH NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

Late August at St. Pius V brings back the very welcome sound of children laughing and playing as energy and learning return to our school. This year we begin not only with 26 new families and 36 new students in our school family but also with four new teachers!

Our new Kindergarten teacher is Anahi Baeza, who grew up in nearby Bridgeport and graduated from DePaul with a degree in Early Childhood Education. "Something I value in Catholic education," Anahi shares, "is the mixture of culture and faith within the classroom."

Annie Kielian, takes over first grade after graduating this year from Loyola University - Chicago as an Elementary Education major. Annie, from Chicago's far northwest side, also teaches religious education at two different parishes in the city. "Having gone to Catholic schools my entire life," she says, "what I value

most about Catholic education is the extraordinary opportunity to be a part of establishing a unique faith foundation in students. A Catholic education allows students to explore and deepen their faith and be constantly aware of God's presence in everyday life."

Our "new" 5th-grade teacher, Meghan Hawkins, is already a familiar face at St. Pius V: her years of Catholic and public school teaching include two previous stints teaching at our school. Meghan has degrees from St. Norbert College and DePaul and also worked for six years in the running industry. Meghan values "the community aspect, the religious aspect, and the connection to family that a Catholic school provides."

Marie Drake joins us as our seventh grade homeroom teacher and seventh and eighth grade science teacher. She earned a Math degree from Dominican University and has taught at the Academy of Communication and Technology and St. Agatha in Chicago. Marie has attended the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) teacher-leader workshops and is a big part of implementing that curriculum in our school.



Our new Pastor Fr. José Santiago, O.P. and principal Nancy Nasko oversee the blessing of the schoolchildren.

NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Our teachers are putting the NGSS into practice from grades K-8 to better prepare students for college and careers. They are getting specialized training through professional development and coaching by Loyola University - Chicago staff.

The new standards reflect a change in science education, which follows how science is actually practiced and experienced in the real world. Children also integrate mathematics and language arts in their note taking, graphing, computing, and reflecting on results.

The science initiative builds on the science lab that our school recently completed with the support of Rush University Medical Center.

WELCOME TO ALL!

As a parish family we welcome our new students, families, and teachers and welcome back all who are returning!



New teachers Anahi Baeza (clockwise from top left), Annie Kielian, Meghan Hawkins, and Marie Drake join the faculty at St. Pius V School.

ARCHDIOCESE HONORS FR. CHUCK JOHN XXIII AWARD FOR DEDICATION TO HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Archdiocese of Chicago bestowed its St. John XXIII Award on Fr. Chuck Dahm for his outstanding commitment and dedication to Hispanic ministry throughout his years of priestly service. Archbishop Cupich presented the award to Fr. Chuck on September 11 at the *Noche de Gala*, an annual event that celebrates and supports Hispanic ministry in the Archdiocese.

The honor included a video presentation highlighting Fr. Chuck's ministry and his message upon receiving the award:

"I want to thank everyone this evening for this honor, this recognition. I'm very thankful to you all and humbled by it. I have spent 31 of my 51 years as a priest working in the Hispanic community and it has been a joy and a reward for me because I have benefited so much from Hispanic people. They have enriched my life

with their strong faith and with the many values they have brought into my life. From them I have learned generosity, patience, a spirit of sacrifice, hospitality - many values that they bring to me.

"I would also like to encourage the church, especially the Archdiocese of Chicago, to respond more diligently to the Hispanic community. They make up more than half the people in the Archdiocese and unfortunately many of them continue to experience discrimination, not only in society but in our own church. And that's not right and we have to correct that.

"A century ago the church was very responsive in receiving immigrants from Europe and dedicated much attention



Archbishop Blase Cupich (right) sits with Fr. Chuck after honoring him with the St. John XXIII Award at the *Noche de Gala* on September 11.

and many resources to them. We have to have that same generous dedication today to the immigrants, the Hispanics, among us. We will benefit from this because they bring us such a rich treasure of values and faith. Let us incorporate them and embrace them as our brothers and sisters. Thank you!"

FENWICK, DEPAUL ALUM JOINS PARISH STAFF

Chris Rebollo joined the St. Pius V team as our new director of development. Chris studied at St. Giles, Fenwick High School



Chris Rebollo joins St. Pius V staff as director of development after four years serving at Notre Dame High School for Girls.

and DePaul University, where he majored in Marketing, minored in Spanish, and studied for two summers in Italy.

He comes to us from Notre Dame High School for Girls where he served as director of development for four years. He oversaw fundraising, marketing, alumnae outreach, and enrollment efforts at Notre Dame and brought in the school's first international students.

The work of St. Pius V parish is supported by hundreds of generous donors as well as public and private grants, and proceeds from special events.

Chris is excited to meet the supporters of the mission of St. Pius V and work to enhance funding sources to ensure that parish programs remain a benchmark in the Pilsen community and beyond.



Musicians from Grammy-nominated group Sones de Mexico offer guitar classes to students at Casa Juan Diego.

RIBBON CUTTING AT CASA JUAN DIEGO

CEREMONY CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF EXPANSION

The children, families, staff, and friends of our after school and summer programs celebrated the return to an expanded and updated Casa Juan Diego with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 31.

The work on our building at 2020 S. Blue Island was made possible by grants from the State of Illinois and the Field Foundation of Illinois and by the support of many generous friends.

We have almost doubled our programming space, made our building more accessible, and given our children a beautiful place to learn and grow.

Guests enjoyed talks, tours, food, and music by the students in guitar classes taught by our friends from *Sones de Mexico*. Our new pastor, Fr. José Santiago joined Fr. Chuck, Desmond and Mary Pat Curran (parents of Fr. Brendan), State Rep. Ed-die Acevedo, Alderman Danny Solis, and program director Mary McCann Sanchez for the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon.



On July 31, parish and community leaders cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the newly expanded and updated Casa Juan Diego.

Many thanks to all who made this project possible! Your support will have an impact on hundreds more children and youth

benefiting from the academic support, cultural education, and violence prevention at Casa Juan Diego .

MASS IN THE STREET

A SUMMER TRADITION CONTINUES

Celebrating Mass in the street on Friday evenings in summer is an annual tradition at St. Pius V. Leaders in our small base



Fr. Chuck blesses neighbors and homes on the block during Mass in the street on July 31.

communities get permits to close the street on their blocks, provide food to share, and invite neighbors and friends to participate.

The scene is repeated every week throughout the summer at various locations around Pilsen and in surrounding neighborhoods.

The outdoor Masses make our parish more present in the community, bring neighbors together and work to prevent violence and crime in our streets.

For the last Friday evening in August, the small base communities gather with the other parishes of Pilsen in the *Zócalo*, a plaza at Paulina and 18th Place, for an out-

door Mass led by Bishop Alberto Rojas. That final event includes the closing ceremonies for The Resurrection Project's summer basketball league as well as games and food for all.



Parish leaders represented St. Pius V at the annual outdoor Mass with the parishes of Pilsen on August 28.

Dear Friends of St. Pius V Parish,

As I write these words, six weeks into my tenure as pastor of St. Pius V, I am amazed at the wonderful work God is doing through the parishioners, staff, and benefactors of this very active parish.

And I am grateful for what this parish *is* for so many: a living community of faith, hope, and love.

Although I still have a long way to go in my transition here, it has been a pleasure getting to know the parishioners, staff, neighbors, community leaders, and you - those who have

supported this parish for decades with your prayers, labors, and financial resources.

As we take the mission of this parish into the future, I pray that you and I and the people of St. Pius V will be worthy servants of the great work to which God calls us.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

Yours sincerely,

Fr. José M. Santiago, O.P.
Pastor