

30 July 2020

Dear Friends,

On August 25, 1990, we celebrated the First Mass in our new church here at Mary, Queen of Peace! My friend, Fr. Steve Szeman, the founding pastor of the parish, was the presider at the Masses that weekend. I'm sure that many of you were there that day, as well!

Since then, our beautiful church has been the setting for thirty years' worth blessings: Masses, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and other liturgical gatherings, prayers, and moments for encountering God as the Body of Christ.

During the month of August, we will look back to thirty years ago as a way to reflect on where we have come from as a parish. We'll share some photographs from our church's construction. And, we'll look forward to where God is calling us to grow as a parish in the next thirty years—and beyond!

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Both this weekend and next, we will continue marking milestones and making memories as we celebrate First Communions for our parish children at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Typically, we celebrate this Sacrament in May, so our children and their families have been patiently waiting a few extra months. Please pray for our children, that their First Eucharist will be their first of many throughout their lives. And that the Eucharist will nourish them and help them become more like Jesus Christ!

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Finally, in this month's edition of *Inside MQP*, you will find some inspiring articles about ways that you can ask and ponder questions about God, deepen your faith, and be supported in your prayer life. Sacred Story, Alpha, and Children's Faith Formation will all be offered this fall. Please read more about these opportunities for people of all ages and faith experiences to engage their faith!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chad Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.