

***“No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.”***

(John 15)

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Dear Damon,

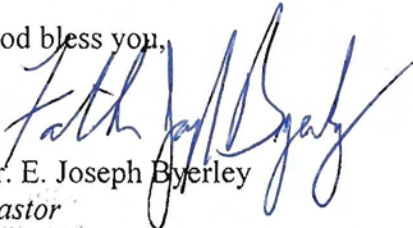
On behalf of our students and their families, our religious education staff and volunteers, and all our parishioners, we wanted to express our deep gratitude to you for leading our Confirmation Retreat this past June 3rd for our 8th Grade students as well as the parent component you so graciously worked into the day.


Trying to engage, and keep engaged for five straight hours eighty 8th Graders on a sunny, beautiful, Sunday afternoon is no small task, yet you were more than up to it. It was such a gift for our children to have a first introduction to the Theology of the Body made accessible and relatable at their teen level. We very much appreciate all you did for our students and their families ~ your great zeal for Christ and his teachings, so well expressed by you in the spirit of the new evangelization, is an inspiration. Doubtless many good seeds were sown in the hearts of our young people and the adults present on June 3rd, and for that we are and will be eternally grateful.

May God continue to abundantly bless your efforts to build a culture of life and love through the transforming message that agape love is the fundamental human vocation, uniquely tangible to us as persons in our complementarity as male & female made in the image and likeness of God.

Christ's love, peace, and joy upon you and your family this summer and in your move to a new home. Lord-willing, we look forward to hosting you again at our parish in the near future for more TOB events!

God bless you,


Fr. E. Joseph Byerley
Pastor



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