

Dear St. William and St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners,

As you know, this past Friday, October 1st, the draft plan of families for Beacons of Light was published. First and foremost, I want to ask you for your continued prayers for the Archdiocese, our parishes, and our family. I know that there are many questions and thoughts, perhaps some confusion and anxiety. I want to assure you that we will continue to work together as we begin a new phase in the Price Hill area. The proposed family of parishes in our area is St. Teresa of Avila, St. William, St. Lawrence, Holy Family, and Resurrection Church. With all this new information, I want to say a few words to everyone.

First, I want to remind everyone that this is a draft. Nothing is set in stone, and this is a critical period where the Archdiocese is looking for your feedback. They want to know your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. The easiest way to bring those to the Archdiocese is through the website beaconsaoc.org. If you prefer a hard copy, you can pick one up from the parish office or in church and mail it in or return it to the office.

Second, I want to address some of the anxiety that you may be feeling about the future. This project will not happen overnight or without everyone working together. After the families of parishes are finalized, the parishes themselves will be working together to put forward and implement a sustainable plan. It is helpful to remember that the overall goal is to reinvigorate our parishes so that all of them can be active, lively parishes. Our parishes have been so important to the Price Hill community for more than 100 years! The goal is that they continue to be a source of strength, community, and hope for generations to come. I genuinely believe that by coming together, building unity, and being unwavering in our devotion to Christ, the project's outcome will be one that seeks to build upon the strong faith of so many in our community.

Third, I want to say again that this project will not happen overnight. This is the first phase of a very long process. With that said, throughout the next couple of years, we will continue to rely upon your support, input, and leadership. With the Archdiocese's guidance, the implementation and specific details of this initiative will be agreed upon by the parishes within each family. We will need to work together to make a plan that will work for the Price Hill Family.

Lastly, I know you have many questions. I want to make myself available as much as possible. I am happy to talk, to answer as many questions as I can, and most of all, to hear your concerns and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out at any point. All of my contact information can be found in the bulletin.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Zachary Cecil
Pastor

Mary,

Mother of the Church
and our Mother,
present our prayer
of thanksgiving to your Son.

Beg from Him the graces we need
to be faithful disciples who follow Him with enthusiasm
and joy.

May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our
archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts. Teach us to
be God's joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all
we do,
so that all people might know, love and follow your Son
through this life
and into the next.

Amen.