



St. Pius V Church

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Dear Parishioners—

Our Dominican parish is about to enter an extraordinary period! Beginning this October, we will be entering our 100th year as a parish, and I would like to invite you to celebrate our Centennial.

From our humble beginnings celebrating Mass on the first floor of Harkins Hall on the Providence College Campus in 1918, we have experienced an extraordinary history. Saint Pius V has survived the Great Depression, World War II, the steady migration of families out of Providence in the 1970's and 1980's, the changing demographics of our own parish area, and the demise of our church boiler! We started a school in 1929 that is still going strong and we built a magnificent place of worship in 1961. Our 2016 capital campaign exceeded our expectations (and thankfully funded a new boiler), and that campaign success reflects the ongoing generosity of our parishioners.

Parishes and Catholic schools continue to close in alarming numbers in our Diocese, but our parish endures. While we are a smaller parish in numbers than what we were in the 1960's, we have a remarkable offering of ministries unmatched by any other parish in the Diocese. Let us reflect in this Centennial Year about our past and inspire each other to make our parish even stronger going forward.

Enclosed in this attachment is a list of activities and projects that I would like to undertake in the coming year. While we have some ambitious projects and activities already planned for the Centennial, there are still other activities that would be great for us to undertake. I hope to solicit ideas from several parish ministries in the next few weeks, including, Saint Pius V School, the music ministry, Saint Pius V Young Adults, the Athletic Association, the Boy Scouts, the Knights of Columbus, and the school Alumni Association.

Please consider what activities you want to be a part of, suggest other activities--how about a pilgrimage to Rome or to the Camino de Santiago trail in Spain, and also consider helping me to solicit sponsors for the Centennial. Please fill out the form at the end of this publication and drop it in the Centennial box at the back of the church, bring it or send it to the parish office, or scan and send an email to the office: agnes@spvchurch.org.

Thank you.

In Christ,
Father Augustine Judd, O.P.