

Dear Parishioners:

One of these days, spring will eventually arrive; probably just for a day or two and summer will be right behind!

This coming Friday, June 15, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be graduating. I ask your prayers for them. Pray that they grow in wisdom and grace and that they continue to grow and deepen in their relationship with Jesus Christ as they head into their high school career. I ask that you also pray for all the students in OLL School.

We have a few initiatives beginning soon. The Diocese has asked all the parishes to subscribe to an organization call "**FORMED.**" "**FORMED**" is an on-line site with outstanding movies, talks, books and programs; they even have a special children's section. It will be a great resource for everyone – young and old – and I hope people will take advantage of this resource. More details will follow on how to register, etc. And for all the people who do not know how to use all this computer stuff, ask your grandkids to help you!

This weekend, we will be having a guest priest, Fr. Julien Esse, who will be speaking to us about the work of the Propagation of the Faith. All the parishes of the Diocese are on a 3-year cycle regarding the Missions:

- Year 1: An individual religious order will come to speak about the work that their specific congregation does. The special collection we take up goes directly to that congregation/order.
- Year 2: The Diocese of Rockville Centre has a mission in the Dominican Republic that we began over 40 years ago. The special collection we take up goes directly to that mission.
- Year 3: A representative from the Propagation of the Faith talks about the work of the missions in general and how we can help. The special collection we take up goes to the Propagation of the Faith Office. Various missionary congregations/ foreign dioceses can request funds from this collection.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the oldest Pontifical Mission Society in the Church. Founded in 1822, the goal of the society is to assist in the missionary work of the Church. As Christ told the disciples at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. (Matthew 28: 19-20)" Please be generous in your response to this core activity of the Church: bringing the message of Christ to everyone.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian