

May 27, 2010

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

“The divinely established ecclesiastical (Church) ministry is exercised on different levels by those who from antiquity have been called bishops, priests and deacons. Although priests do not possess the highest degree of the priesthood, and although they are dependant on the bishops in the exercise of their sacramental power, they are nevertheless united with the bishops in sacramental dignity. By the power of the sacrament of Holy Orders, and in the image of Christ the eternal High Priest, they are consecrated to preach the gospel, shepherd the faithful and celebrate divine worship as true priests of the New Testament.” (Second Vatican Council – ‘The Church’)

Let's Celebrate . . . Sunday June 6th

We have an extraordinary opportunity to participate in the celebration of a member of our parish becoming a priest. **Rev. Mr. Dan Smith**, who has been a member of Therese since 2002, will be ordained at Sacred Heart Church in Aberdeen on May 28th. I plan to attend the ordination of transitional deacons on Thursday and priests on Friday. Dan will be the first and only vocation to the priesthood from our parish in 93 years. He will come “home” to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 6th, 10:45am Mass. A “meet and greet” reception will follow the Mass in our gathering space. This is a wonderful occasion; an opportunity for us to rejoice in having one of our own joining the brotherhood of the priesthood. **I invite you to be a part of St. Therese history in the making and attend the Mass and reception.** You may consider congratulating Dan with a card/gift, and/or by assisting in one or another of the ways listed on sign-up sheets on the information counters.

Word may have reached you that **I will be relocating to the parishes in Parker and Marion** on July 1st. Instead of retiring, I would consider this move to be “downsizing”. I have enjoyed my years here at St. Therese. Thanks to everyone for the kindness and concern shown me. I look forward to serving the Lord and his people in my new assignment.

St. Therese Summer Programs for Youth

June 19th–23rd	Summer Day Camp (Totus Tuus)	Grades 1st – 6th*	9:00am-2:30pm
June 19th–23rd	Summer Day Camp (Totus Tuus)	Grades 7th – 12th*	7:30pm-9:30pm
August 2nd–5th	Vacation Bible School	Preschool – 4th*	6:00pm-8:30pm

We look forward to having your children involved in Church activities this summer.

* Grades shown are as of this coming fall. Preschool minimum is age 4.

The office staff and I wish you warm breezes and happy days!



Fr. Hal Barber

**Reminder: Open House for Fr. Hal
Sunday, June 27th ~ 1:00pm to 3:00pm
St. Therese Gathering Space**