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*All Together One*

*Jesus said, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21*

Dear Fellow Followers of Christ:

This is a very interesting and exciting month! This month we will be one year at Pedrotti's. This month I will have served one year with you. This month we welcome the community of St. Michael's to join us in common mission. This month the Sacred Space Team will receive responses from 5 architectural firms, from which one firm will be chosen, who will work with us to plan our new sacred space. This is a very interesting and exciting month!

Because of all of these things going on, the Bishop's Committee and I have chosen a scriptural theme for this next program year. The theme is "All together one" with our guiding scriptural verse coming from Luke 17:20-21, as we are reminded of Christ's hope that we will be as one, "so that the world may believe that [the Father had sent him.]"

The reason we chose this theme is certainly rooted in our response to the Lord calling us to common mission with St. Michael's. "All together one" is also important because as we begin to move forward on plans for the new sacred space, we will together have to prioritize how we are being called to start and finish over the coming years. We all have big hopes for this new sacred space. I mean, I really want an entrance like what is at The Rim! However, what we are able to accomplish will depend on how we come together, combining and offering our resources, so that as the Body of Christ we can make the greatest statement about who we are as followers of Christ.

So as you enter this next "program year," remember that Christ's hope for each of us to be one, as the Father and he are one. And if you see a place in our life together that we can work on oneness, know that the Lord may be summoning you to step up and build a bridge so all the world may see and believe.

I look forward to serving Christ alongside each of you!

Faithfully,

Jason