



# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

RESTORING ALL PEOPLE TO UNITY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

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Dear Fellow Followers of Christ:

Welcome to 2012!

2011 was a spectacular year and filled with many blessings for our community. This past year we saw the foundation for a youth ministry being laid by our youth ministry intern, Taylor Bailey, and the amazing adult volunteers who work with her. *Spirit Time*, a worship time for children, also developed more as Jackie McCarthy, the worship leader, invited one of our youth to help lead music for this time of worship. And Robyn Whelchel has done a spectacular job restarting a Sunday morning formation time for our children.

On the Sacred Space front, we finalized the design of our worship space and are now in the midst of doing final tweeks to the design to make sure that it meets all of the goals set forth by our congregation.

In our staffing life we in 2011, we added more staff to our nursery to care for the ever increasing number of children under the age of 5. We welcomed The Rev. Kelly S. Conkling as the Assistant Vicar for Pastoral Care. We welcomed James Garcia as the Assistant Music Minister, said farewell to Rebecca Dawson as Music Minister, and then welcomed James as the Music Minister. Life is always moving forward at the Church of the Holy Spirit!

This coming year will see a lot of familiar and a lot of new. On January 8, at 5:30 pm, we will celebrate our Sacred Space with the launching of our capital campaign. Then, on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm, we will have the official groundbreaking of our Sacred Space.

One recent development is that we will return to a time of discernment, led by the group participating in Called Back to the Well program. We went through this process a couple of year ago to check in with our community about our call in God's world. This 50 Days of Discernment will occur during the 50 days of Easter. Small groups will meet at church and around San Antonio to share their joys and what they hear as God's hope for our congregation as we wrap up our time at Pedrotti's and prepare for a new life on Bandera Road.

Your Bishop's Committee, church staff and I are all grateful to you for your presence, love, patience, dedication, and creativity as together we seek to fulfill God's hope for our congregation of *Restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*

See you at the Ranch!

Faithfully,

Jason