

Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier

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Dear Parish Family,

Fr. Xavier and I have now been blessed to journey with you for three months. During this time, we have truly felt your kindness, support, and prayers—and for that, we are deeply grateful. The great Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, “*The unexamined life is not worth living.*” In that same spirit, we as a parish must pause to reflect, to dream, and to discern together what God is calling us to in this new chapter of our faith journey.

Together with our planning team, advisory panel, and committee chairs, we have prayerfully prepared a **Five-Year Pastoral Plan** for our parish. Today, I am honored to present it to you for your reflection and prayer. This plan will be available on our bulletin board, on the TV screens outside, and beginning Monday, on our parish website and also in your personal email.

This is not just a document—it is a *living vision*. I invite each of you to be a part of it. Please take the time to read it carefully, pray over it, and share your thoughts with us. Your suggestions and recommendations are not only welcome, they are essential. This plan belongs to all of us, and it can only succeed through the commitment, energy, and faith of every parishioner.

I encourage you to reflect on the gifts and talents God has entrusted to you, and prayerfully discern how you might place them at the service of our community—whether by joining a ministry, supporting a program, offering your time, or sharing your treasure.

We all share the same dream: that our parish family will grow, thrive, and once again shine brightly on this mountaintop. It is my prayer that this holy place will continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—drawing many hearts to Christ.

May God bless this plan and each of you. And may our beloved patron, **St. Francis Xavier**, intercede for us as we work together to love as Christ loves and to serve as Christ serves. Finally, I invite you to stay tuned for next weekend, when we will hear the powerful testimonies of three of our parishioners:

- **Dr. Pat Walsh** at the 5:00 PM Mass
- **Ms. Kathy Murphy** at the 9:00 AM Mass
- **Mr. Joe Kufera** at the 11:00 AM Mass

Their witness of faith will surely inspire and encourage us all.

With a heart to serve,

Your pastor in Christ,
Fr. Binoy A. Lucka, O.S.S.T