

Parish Priest's Report to OLMC School Annual General Meeting

OLMC-Hilton Parish Vision: "Working together for an Evangelizing and Vibrant Community"

Evangelization is not about gaining more members or about appearing powerful. "Rather, it is about opening doors in order to experience and share the merciful and healing embrace of God the Father, which makes of us one family." Pope Francis homily during Thailand's Pastoral visit.

A **parish** is a stable community of the faithful within a particular church, whose pastoral care has been entrusted to a **parish** priest under the authority of the diocesan bishop.

Sacraments: We are sacramental people. When we gather for celebrations of sacraments such as Baptism, First Reconciliation and Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the sick and Funeral. Great response is shown. In all sacramental celebration the Good news of Jesus is Evangelised.

Pastoral: Pastoral support is offered to all specially for the elderly and other people who are struggling from Mental health Issues.

Hospitality and Outreach: Every Sunday, Parish hospitality team is offering to morning tea for those who attend 9am mass. Well attended by many parishioners. St. Vincent de Paul members tirelessly work in our Parish supplying food and vouchers for the needy people. School Children contribution towards Christmas Hampers and Easter raffle prize are much appreciated.

Stewardship Ministry: Parish Council and the hospitality team celebrate stewardship Sunday every year on the Feast of Christ the King, having Big morning Tea. The aim of this celebration is thanking all volunteers who are involved in different ministries and encourage everyone to continue. BMT was well attended yesterday.

Safeguarding ministry: Archdiocese has introduced safe-guarding ministry to give awareness to all about protecting children in our school and church premises. Safe-guarding officer is appointed. Brigid Littlelow is attending ongoing professional development and working well with our Parish Secretary.

Plenary Council: The **six National Themes for Discernment** (Missionary and Evangelising, Inclusive and participatory and synodal Prayerful and Eucharistic, Humble, healing and Merciful A joyful and Hope-filled community and Open to Conversion, renewal and reform) are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In coming months, through **the discernment process** and drawing on the six National Themes for Discernment, we will develop the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council.

Parish/School working Relationship: Sacramental ministries are well prepared and working together in partnership. The altar serving ministry had a start just yesterday. It needs bit more improvement. I hope more parents will get involved.

Big thank you: Many thanks to Kevin-our Principal, Julie our assistant principal RE, all teachers special those who prepare the children for the sacraments and staffs for your good works, cooperation and support to our Parish. I look forward to continuing my ministry in year 2020.