

LETTERS FROM FORMER PRIESTS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED AT SAM.

May 18, 2013

Dear Members of St. Angela Merici Parish

Thank you so very much for the invitation to join you in celebrating "Fifty Years of Faith".

I so wish that I could attend the Opening Mass on June 1st, as I will always treasure the students, families and parishioners at St. Angela Merici Church! It was a great school, and is, and parish.

I am currently in ministry at Ursuline Academy of Dallas, TX and serve as President Emeritus after 22 years as President.

Please know that I will be with you in spirit as you celebrate throughout this year.

Sr. Margaret Ann Moser, OSU
Dallas, TX

May 17, 2013

Dear Everyone at St. Angela Merici Parish:

The many years since I was there in Metairie have gone by so quickly. 1971-1974 does not seem that long ago. I came to St. Angela's along with Sr. Lois Castillon. Sr. Anne Mary Hasting was already on staff. For St. Lois and me, we had to adjust to being northerners in the south. That was not hard to do given the wonderful people with whom we had the honor to serve.

I can't begin to mention by name all the dedicated teachers on staff. As principal, I was so blessed to work with Marilyn Heap as Assistant Principal, Jane Fischer and Rita Hamilton as my two faithful administrative assistants and Gerry Mialaret who served as School Board chair. The three pastors with whom I worked were always supportive and encouraging especially Archbishop John Favalora.

Life comes and goes and imprints are placed on our lives as we collaborate and interact in our efforts to bring a greater degree of peace and love into our world. So I congratulate your parish for continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ today. May God and St. Angela Merici bless you with courageous and generous hearts, willing to serve so that God's reign will be known and embraced by all whom you meet. God bless each one.

Sincerely ours in Christ
Sr. Mary Ellen Neeves OSU
Cape Girardeau, MO

Principal 1971-1974

May 19, 2014

Dear Members of St. Angela Merici Parish:

I loved my years at St. Angela's, 1971-1974, and remember my 8th grade classes with great affection.

I am sorry that I cannot be there for the Opening Mass to celebrate with you. I was there for the Tenth Anniversary and thank God for you all!

May your Golden Jubilee celebrations be full of God's blessings.

Sr. Lois Castillon, OSU

Dallas, TX

May 19, 2013

Dear St. Angela Church:

Thank you for sending me an invitation to the Opening Mass of your Parish Celebration of 50 years. I would love to attend, but I am teaching school in Encino, CA, a suburb of Los Angeles, and cannot be away at this time. It was so very kind of you remember me and find where I am in ministry.

I taught in the school and was the School Religion Coordinator during the school years 1979-80 and 1980-81. I enjoyed my short two years there, and I have fond memories of the children and their loving parents. I visited the website and am very happy for your ministries. I especially like the Master Plan for the church renovations and pray that generous donors help you to realize these dreams.

May God bless you as you embark on another Fifty Years! May St. Angela watch over all of your activities and ministries!

Sincerely,

Sr. Anne Dorothy Schober, OSU

Winnetka, CA

May 26, 2013

To the Parishioners of St. Angela Merici Church:

Thank you for the invitation to the Opening Mass to celebrate Fifty Years of Faith in your parish.

My years at St. Angela's were very happy. I enjoyed my 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and I loved being part of the parish.

One special memory was becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and being able to give communion in the hand for the first time while I was in service there.

May God continue to bless all of you!

Sr. Thereas Davey, OSU
Cape Girardeau, MO

May 26, 2013

Dear Monsignor Hedrick:

I write to express my regrets that I will not be with you for the Opening Mass of the Golden Jubilee of St. Angela Merici Parish. I know that St. Angela Merici has had a very rich and fruitful history. When I visited St. Angela for the Parish Visitation it was obvious that the parish was very vibrant and many good ministries in place.

I thank you and the leaders for your service to the parish. I also rejoice with Archbishop Favalora because he had such a significant role in the early years of the parish.

May God grant that the observance is an occasion for rich grace for those who participate and all parishioners.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes
Archbishop Emeritus
New Orleans, LA

May 17, 2013

Dear Monsignor Hedrick:

Thank you so much for the invitation to attend the Opening Mass of the 50th Anniversary celebration of St. Angela Merici Parish.

I will be unable to attend. However, I do wish to congratulate all the parishioners on what surely seems to be a vibrant and Christ loving community! Your invitation prompted me to view your website which provides glowing evidence.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Calato
Houston, TX

May 17, 2013

Dear Monsignor Hedrick:

Since my return to Miami I have received your invitation announcing the Opening Mass of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of St. Angela parish. I want to express my congratulation to all of the parishioners on this significant Golden Jubilee..

Unfortunately I will not be able to join you for the Opening Mass. I am currently beginning a serried of Confirmations to assist in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Please extend to all of the parishioners my congratulations and good wishes on this significant anniversary. I am sure that many of the "old timers" can still remember the early days of the parish. So much has been accomplished there because of the wonderful spirit of collaboration that has always existed there between the priest and the parishioners. I feel fortunate to have been among those who have served St. Angela and on this occasion I give particular thanks to the Lord for the leadership of Father Joseph Calato, Father Louis Generes, Monsignor Crosby Kern and to you, Monsignor Hedrick.

May the Lord continue to bless you all and the ministries of St. Angela Merici parish abundantly.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Most Reverend John C. Favalora
Archbishop Emeritus of Miami
Miami Shores, FL