



Message from Fr. Don Farnan

I am grateful to join the faith community of Saint James in the heart of Kansas City. There is much great work going on here and many more opportunities ahead for us. I plan to be with you for worship each month—usually on the second Sunday.

My primary duties in the years ahead will be at Rockhurst University where I am a full-time employee. I will also work with Saint Therese Little Flower and Saint Louis Parishes, giving special attention to the latter through the end of this year as they shut down operations and dispense of property. Please keep them in your prayers as they are welcomed by and incorporated into their new spiritual homes.

Meanwhile, Ben and I and staffers of Saint James and Little Flower will be collaborating to enhance operations at both sites. Volunteers and servant-leaders from our congregations will have great ideas as we strengthen the Catholic presence and voice in KC's urban core. Saint Francis Xavier on the Rockhurst campus will also be partnering with us in some of our ecclesial endeavors.

Saint James Parish is such a powerful model for encountering our culture, enlivening our surroundings, improving our community, and reverencing our neighbor. I took a walk with Ben last week along Troost Avenue and was impressed by the inspiring shops, restaurants, social agencies, and various activities. It reminds me that everyone in our parish has a role to play; everyone has talents to offer; everyone has gifts to share. As the Synod on Synodality shapes up, we are reminded by our Holy Father and universal church community that everyone has a voice and the Holy Spirit cannot be contained.

Veni Sancte Spiritus!

Blessing,

Fr. Don