

## Transitions I

This is the first of two emails I will send out regarding changes in our OLGC staffing. At the end of June, two current staff members will leave the OLGC staff: Fr. William Metzger, OSFS and Sr. Janice Urbanec, IHM.

## Fr. William Metzger, OSFS

After eighteen years of ministry at OLGC, including twelve as pastor, Fr. Metzger is retiring. I am very grateful to Fr. Bill for his dedication and leadership of the community. I am grateful to have ministered with him for these past two years. Even though his daily activities and responsibilities to the OLGC community will change, Fr. Metzger will continue to live at the rectory and help out on a more limited basis. Fr. Metzger writes:

"I would like to announce that as of July 1, 2018, I will be aging in place (aip), not retired in place (rip). I would like to thank all of the members of the parish for their prayers and support and friendship over the past 18 years. I will still be "moderately" active and so you will still see me around the parish celebrating the sacraments. It has been and still is a pleasure to serve you and pray with you. Please keep me in your prayers."

I know you join me in thanking Fr. Bill for his many years of service to the OLGC community, and we wish him much happiness and well-earned rest in retirement.

## Sr. Janice Urbanec, IHM

Sr. Janice has led the adult faith formation ministry at OLGC for the past six years. Sacramentally, she has helped many people explore the Catholic faith and walked with them on their journey to be welcomed in full communion in the Catholic Church through the RCIA program. Sister has also provided opportunities for adults to study and pray the Scriptures and learn more about their faith. In addition, she has helped those who have grieved the loss of a spouse or a loved one to come together to be a source of strength for one another. I am very grateful to Sister Janice for her ministry here at OLGC, for her commitment to the

community and wish her God's peace and love as she moves to her new assignment. Sr. Janice writes:

"My Community is assigning me to a new parish formed from 4 smaller ones in the Philadelphia area. The pastor really appreciates our IHM Sisters and has invited us to staff this new venture. I will carry in my heart all the wonderful people whom I've met at OLGC and will treasure the experience of your goodness and generosity to God's poor. Please know that I will hold you in prayer. If you wish to contact me at any time, my email is <u>i\_urbanec@yahoo.com</u>".

Let us keep both Fr. Metzger and Sr. Janice in our prayers and please offer your thanks and best wishes.

Live Jesus!

Fr. Matt

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