



## MESSAGE FROM FATHER ELLIOTT DEES RENEW MY CHURCH - PARISH MEETING, AUGUST 16

As you may have seen in the July 9 bulletin, Saint Pascal is ramping up for Renew My Church. We had our first meeting as a grouping with the parish leadership teams from Saint Constance, Our Lady of Victory, Saint Robert Bellarmine and Saint Pascal on August 4. It was a productive meeting in which we were able to meet with the other parishes, come to know some of the realities of the Portage Park / Dunning / Jefferson Park community, and generally be introduced to what the next few months will look like as we contemplate the future of our grouping.

I am very proud of the team that has come together at Saint Pascal. They represent a wide swathe of our community and have deep roots here. They bring a wide variety of talents and skills, and will communicate well the interests of our parish. Saint Pascal's Parish Team consists of the following parishioners:

Father Elliott Dees, Pastor  
Father Mario Stefanowski, Associate Pastor  
Eli Argamaso, Principal of Pope Francis Global Academy  
Deacon Gene Kummerer  
Sharon Kells  
Melissa Summers  
Jason Yedlinski

I am extremely grateful to these men and women for being willing to say "yes". This is a difficult time with everything going on in our city, the nation, and the world; and to be willing to step into this process in the midst of all of this is a sign of the great commitment they have to our parish. Please extend to them a word of thanks. They will represent us well.

The next step for us as a parish is to meet to go over the initial steps. We will be having our first parish wide meeting at **Saint Pascal on Sunday, August 16 at 5:30 PM in the Church.**

The meeting will be held in the Church so that we can accommodate as many parishioners as possible; however, there will still be a limit of 150. In the interest of fairness, we will take the first 150 people who come to the Melvina Street entrance which we have been using for Sunday Masses.

This meeting will introduce the parish to the Renew My Church process as well as give an opportunity for your feedback. Our hope is to also to livestream this meeting via the parish YouTube channel for those who are unable to physically attend.

I know this seems like a lot of information at once; but unfortunately due to the pandemic, we have had to constantly juggle our schedule and ability to meet with the RMC team. I know this is a time of uncertainty, but with the Lord in control, all things work out for the good.

In Christ,

Father Elliott Dees  
Pastor, Saint Pascal Parish