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Sunday, July 12, 2015

A Note of Thanks: Summer School for Kids a Great Success

Thank you to everyone who in any way contributed to making the Vacation Bible School here at the cathedral such a great success. Judging from the amount of paint that kids had on their hands, arms, and faces (as they worked to tie-dye their tee-shirts) they all had a great time. In addition to time for crafts the young people also learned hymns and drew closer to Jesus by learning more about His Gospel and His plan for our salvation.

The theme for this year's camp was Faith, Hope and Love. Thus, I am very grateful to those who took the time this week to share with over 50 of our young brothers and sisters their own faith, hope and love in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May God bless you for your kindness, generosity and joyful spirit.

Work Begins This Week to Repair Floors

This week work will begin to replace the carpets in the business offices here at the cathedral. Earlier this summer it was discovered that the floor in my office had been damaged because of a leaking pipe connected to the heating system. As a result of the leak, part of the floor was damaged and needed to be replaced which meant that the carpet had to be torn up and discarded. This led to a decision to replace all of the flooring in the offices. A simulated wood floor will be placed in the areas that get a lot of traffic and carpet will be installed in the offices.

Thus, there may be some days this week when someone is not in the offices due to this project. Thank you for your understanding and patience. With any luck, it won't take too long to get this taken care of. Finances for this project are coming from the Save Our Church (SOC) fund. So I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed and who continues to contribute to SOC. I do not take your sacrifices and generosity for granted.

Also this summer all of the gutters on the rectory and the cathedral are being cleaned out. Those doing the work have reported a couple of inches of soil and lots of other debris in the gutters so this is also a good thing to be accomplishing.

One other thing: the furnace for the cathedral and the parish office building is in need of repair and/or replacing. We won't know until later on in the summer the extent of the work that needs to be done, but I will keep you posted.

In my 22 years of priesthood in our diocese I have learned that, because of the age of our churches, halls and rectories, there always seems to be something that is in need of attention. But we will just keep at it and little by little we will continue to maintain and be good stewards of the resources that God has given to us. May God bless you all.