

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



‘Increase our faith’.

The question asked of Jesus by the apostles is also our question.

If we had faith the size of a mustard seed, everything would be possible.

An event is happening in our parish which will help us increase our faith.

Faith, which is an encounter with the Living Christ, risen from the dead, gives the answer to all the uncertainties, the worries, the sufferings we experience in life. Faith is the gift that allows us to see God’s love in our life, exactly the way it is.

This event is a Catechesis for youth and adults, which is beginning this Monday October 3rd at 8:00 pm in the McCarthy Center. It will continue each Monday and Thursday night over the following weeks, I invite all of you to join me for the Catechesis.

This Catechesis has been recommended for parish life by all of the recent Popes, who in speaking of it have said:

‘The fact is that it aims at the authenticity, at the fullness, at the coherence, at the sincerity of Christian life’ (Pope Saint Paul VI May 8th, 1974).

‘...this is your Catechesis, this is your Neocatechumenal witness. And so, we speak about allowing baptism to bear fruit. We know that the sacraments, betrothal, marriage, family...all this grows from sacred baptism, from its riches’ (Pope Saint John Paul II December 30th, 1988).

‘The Church has recognized in the Neocatechumenal Way a particular gift inspired by the Holy Spirit. May the faith which you have received as a gift be that light placed upon the lamp-stand able to show mankind the way to heaven’ (Pope Benedict XVI January 17, 2011).

‘I am happy to meet with you and to say with you: thank you. Thanks to God and also to you. And a great thanks goes also, to those who have initiated the Neocatechumenal Way 50 years ago’ (Pope Francis, Rome, May 5th 2018).

I have invited the team of Catechists who will be giving the catechesis with me, to speak at the all Masses this weekend.