

**Parish Assembly Invitation 2022 Message**  
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Pax et bonum (peace and good) is the Franciscan motto. This Tuesday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and it is also St. Veronica's next Parish Assembly which is a follow up to the last Parish Assembly hosted by your Pastoral Council last October which was a big success.

St. Francis is known as the patron Saint of animals, but he is also known for spreading the Gospel by example. We are called to do the same and one excellent way is to participate in our parish activities. Participation varies from person to person. It may mean just being present and listening and praying along with our parish family. It may mean volunteering in a small or big way. Allow the Lord to inspire you in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

Everyone is invited this Tuesday to participate in the second Parish Assembly which will be held in the gymnasium at 7 pm. Everyone is invited, bring family, bring friends and even invite your neighbors.

Last year, parishioners old and new to St. Veronica's came together to brainstorm ideas to improve our parish and ultimately to draw people to Christ in our faith community. The Pastoral Council gathered your ideas and formulated them into Goals and Objectives based on what you requested. Your input is essential. Your presence at this Tuesday's Parish Assembly is essential. You, each and every one of you, are valued by our Pastor and Associate Pastor and the Pastoral Council. Many of you are already involved in ministry, some on the periphery, others very involved. No matter what your level of commitment, your presence and participation is wanted and needed.

The Pastoral Council will present the Goals and Objectives that you, our brothers and sisters of St. Veronica's spoke so passionately about last year. On this great Feast of St. Francis, the Lord is calling each one of you to come and be witnesses to the Gospel through service, prayer, by silent witness, by animated involvement or by whichever way the Holy Spirit moves you. There are many gifts that God bestows on His people, and no two are really the same. We need you to share your gifts with your parish.

Last year's Parish Assembly was a lot of fun. Father PJ regaled us with Sinatra songs and small prizes. It is my understanding that he has been practicing his singing all year so we may get another Sinatra song, a Tony Bennett song or who knows maybe even a Mr. Worldwide Pit Bull

song or two.

Please join us, you are all invited from the young to the young at heart.

You are loved, you are valued, you are needed, and you will have a great time with old friends and new friends.

See you all this Tuesday night, 7 pm in the school gym. Be there or be square.

We had a very productive meeting last Monday, September 27th, and I am happy to tell you that gradually, the fruits of our labor with months of praying, discernment and working together are all coming into fruition. Jeffrey Alfano also recently came on board to help us with envisioning the future activities and ministries of St. Veronica. Join me, Fr. Chang, Mark, Phil, Denise, Bob, Gail, Pat, Marietta, Chris and Jeff for a community-building evening. It will be an experience to treasure.