

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

To the people of St. Robert Bellarmine:

This letter serves two purposes. First, to wish each and all of you all a very blessed Holy Week, 2016. As our Lenten journey 2016 comes to an end, may this Holy Week of the Jubilee Year of Mercy bring you God's gracious mercy and peace through our celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's saving death and resurrection.

Secondly, to encourage each and all of you to attend our **Parish Dialogue Groups** in preparation for the Synod on the New Evangelization to take place in November. It is an opportunity of grace for the Church of Detroit to gather together and discuss the New Evangelization and how we can become an evangelizing people by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. As Archbishop Vigneron told us in the video and the two sided letter we shared on the weekend of March 5-6, we are called to *Unleash the Gospel* through our own personal relationship with Christ.

One way we here at St. Robert's can join our fellow Catholics throughout the Archdiocese in preparing for the Synod is to voice our faith and to provide feedback to the Archbishop by having **dialogue gatherings**. These gatherings are intended to provide input on various themes. Small groups will be created to discuss how we **Encounter** Jesus on a daily basis, **Grow** as His disciples, and **Witness** to the power of His mercy throughout this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Encounter—Growth—Witness!

This invitation is extended to each and all of you here at St. Robert's, as well as to our brothers and sisters at St. John Bosco, to attend one or both of these dialogue gatherings. One will be held **here at St. Robert's on Sunday, April 10th, from noon to 3:30pm**. The other will be held at **St. John Bosco on Saturday April 9th from 9am to 12:30pm**. Since the format for both is the same, you can attend one or the other as your schedule permits. A light meal and beverages will be served. *We ask that you register either* by calling the parish office at 313-937-1500 or by visiting the Archdiocesan website (www.aod.com/synod) and going to Event Brite.

The dialogue gatherings require very little preparation on your part. But we invite you to pray for the success and impact of these gatherings, since Evangelization is so essential to our lives in and with Christ.

Gratefully,

Fr. Richard