



## SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Sacred Heart community, I want to thank our Pastoral Council members for their assessment of the Potpourri of Art: Carolyn Hill, Pat Kust, Sally Majkut, and Carl Taylor. It is clear to all of us that it was a difficult task. It is also clear to us that they approached the process with great respect for its history and ardent love for its people. For this, we are very grateful.

While at the monastery, I decided to come as a visitor to an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous held on campus. I was flabbergasted by the incredible courage and candor of those who spoke. Although the room of 20+ people came from all walks of life (I was in my clerics and Fr. Paul was in his habit), there was an incredible sense of respect and mutual support of everyone by everyone. It was an atmosphere of hope in the midst of terrible pasts. I believe that our Pastoral Council has created a similar atmosphere of hope through their respectful dialogue with the parish and steady support of leaders who have worked unselfishly on the Potpourri of Art in the past.

Affirming the recommendations of the Pastoral Council, we, as a parish will take a year off from the Potpourri of Art. In place of it, we will focus on leadership development with the intention of building community and providing opportunities for service within the parish and community. With the help of the Pastoral Council and parish staff, we hope to formulate a series of workshops and presenters to help you, its members, to discover and develop gifts and charisms that will build a hopeful future for our parish.

I invite you to begin this process immediately by committing yourself to pray daily for our community. As you do so, ask God to help you to grow in love for Jesus and one another. May God grant success to all of our endeavors and plans.

In the love of Christ,

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen