



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

We follow Christ by living our Faith, Sharing Knowledge and Serving the Community

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018



Statement of Bishop Patrick J. McGoorth Diocese of San Jose

When I began plans to retire, and considered where I would live, I had wanted to remain in the Diocese of San

Jose. This has been my home for nearly 20 years. At first, I had hoped to live in a diocesan-owned house that is located on cemetery property, but necessary retrofitting proved to be too costly.

This made it necessary to look for another house. The Diocesan Finance Council and the College of Consultors approved the purchase of the home in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose. I agreed with them that in economic terms the purchase of the home made sense in terms of financial return on investment. It was bought primarily with funds that had been designated for this sole purpose, funds that had accrued from the sale of Bishop Dublaine's condominium, when he was no longer able to live in it due to failing health.

However, I erred in judgment in the purchase of a 3-bedroom home for \$2.3 million. I failed to consider adequately the housing crisis in this valley and the struggles of so many families and communities in light of that crisis.

I have heard from many on this topic and I have decided that I will not move into this house. The Diocese will put it up for sale as soon as possible, if there is any profit to the Diocese from that sale, those funds will be donated to Charities Housing, a division of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County.

I assume full responsibility for this decision and I believe that the sale of the house is the appropriate action. I thank those who have advised me.

When I retire, I now intend to live in a rectory at one of our parishes.

August 27, 2018



Prayer for Labor Day

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the

worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities.

Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation.

Be with the children who are not able to eat and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live.

Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the business of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign!

We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Nativity will be closed Sunday, September 2nd.

The Parish Office will be closed Sunday & Monday, September 2nd and 3rd.