



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH — KENNEWICK, WA

Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish,

I want to take a moment to let you know how much I appreciated the wonderful meal and great fellowship we had on Sunday, June 25, 2023. It was truly a blessing to have the opportunity to spend time with you and to enjoy the splendid food you provided. Moreover, it was great to be with my mother, grandmother, and family members.

Fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ brings me such fulfillment and is one of my greatest pleasures. It seems that I always come away feeling encouraged, refreshed, and uplifted. I am sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness and for the time and effort you put into bringing food to the potluck meal.

In addition, I want to thank the people who helped put together the wonderful program during and after the meal. Special thanks to Father Cesar and the office staff who coordinated the program and to Father Riccardo Keolker and all the ministries' representatives who made the event humorous and entertaining. Thank you for the singular gift of our Saint Joseph statue. I will treasure it forever.

Again, I am grateful for your encouraging words. I have received so many letters, cards, and postcards. I will keep them with me forever. The monetary gifts you gave me were also very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who have given so much of your time, talents, and treasure to the parish. The vision and the goals that we worked so hard to formulate were really evident on Sunday. I got a glimpse of what I think heaven will be like. Saint Joseph—patron of the universal Church, our diocese, and our parish has always watched over us, bringing us closer together as a community and accomplishing our goals and objectives. I hope that you pursue our mission to be a multicultural community dedicated to evangelization and united in faith.

Fellowship with Our Lord and with one another are vital to our Christian walk. This is the vision of Pope Francis as he continues to work toward for a synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission. I am truly grateful for your dedication to Our Lord, and, again, for our time together sharing the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and sharing food and fellowship. I will miss the people of this parish and I will never forget you.

Blessings in Christ,

*Felipe Pulido*

Father Felipe Pulido  
Bishop-elect