

***See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19***

Dear parishioners,

On the parish website you will see a decree signed by Cardinal Cupich. A decree is a pronouncement or document that formalizes a decision within the Church. In this case, the decree included here concerns the decision for our parish structure to change as we progress through the parish grouping process within Renew My Church.

The decree states that Immaculate Conception Parish and Five Holy Martyrs Parish will form a new parish on July 1. The decree indicates an *ad interim* name for the new parish. This means that the parish will be called Immaculate Conception and Five Holy Marytrs until Cardinal Cupich approves a new name for the new parish that will be formed on July 1.

To be clear, Cardinal Cupich makes the final decision on the parish name (the name given to the new community formed by our current parishes). However, the individual churches retain their names. So, what would that look and sound like? An example is St. Cyprian Church of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish. A few more words than we are used to, for sure. But the beauty in this is the fact that the beloved names of the churches remain while we form a new, collective parish community.

Certainly, the process of renewal is an emotional one. For many of us, it is a time of significant change. So, let us hold fast to the Lord's promise that He is with us always, and trust in the fact that He is at work in a special way within our faith community and is creating something new for all of us.

