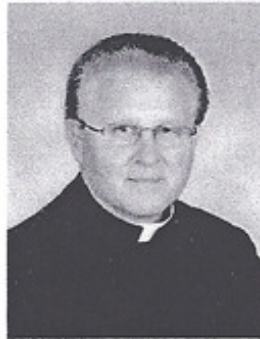


## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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My dear Parishioners, Families and Friends of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Family,

Today, it is truly an honor and privilege for me to address you as "my dear parishioners, families, and friends." Though I have not yet met you, this is exactly what you are to me. Since I first heard of my new assignment, you have become dear to my heart. I have heard wonderful things about you and I have prayed for you and the individual needs of your own families. Through prayer, I have come to feel very close to you. Recently, I have been here several times. I met with your former pastor, Fr. Adrian Benoit, with your parish staff, and with members of your Finance Council.

Today, I come to you as your priest, as your pastor. A parish needs a pastor, and a pastor needs a parish. So, we do need each other in order to continue to accomplish the work of God here in Granby. My priesthood is most important to me and I come to share it with you through the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the sacramental life of this wonderful parish. I am ready to enter into the joyful moments of your Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and family joys. Sorrow, illness, trials, death, etc. are also part of life. Please know that I am here for you and will share in these with you as together we strive to see the tenderness and light of our Loving God in and through them. Let us truly believe that in and through all of life's events, God is drawing us closer to him. Kindly allow me to offer you the following and if you wish, you may use it as part of your faith journey.

*In happy moments, praise God,  
In difficult moments, seek God,  
In quiet moments, worship God,  
In painful moments, trust God,  
In every moment, thank God.*

In addition to the spiritual part of this parish, I take seriously the temporal aspect and will work diligently with you to keep Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish alive and growing. I acknowledge my deepest gratitude to your former pastor, Fr. Adrian Benoit. He has been most gracious and hospitable in my recent visits here. He is a great priest and an eloquent example of dedication and love in the priesthood. In every way possible, I will try to continue the exemplary work that he started.

Conclusively, I offer you the very best of who I am and I trust that you will be as accepting of me as I am of you. It is together that we are called to do the work of God here in Granby. Let us remain close to God in the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God love you, may He bless and always keep you well and safe in the palm of His hand.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus and in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

*Father Charles Kuzmeski,  
Pastor*