



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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Did you have the same feeling I had when Pope Francis' plane left the United States en route to the Vatican? I was sad....but also very grateful. I was sad to see him leave, but so grateful to him, and to God, for what Francis left us. He set our hearts on fire. He gave us hope. He showed us how to love.

The next feeling--once the plane was in the air--was one of excitement. "Jonathan", I thought. "Now you get to go back to the parish and neighborhood and try to live out what Pope Francis has invited you to do." I know Fr. Urbano, Fr. Livinus, and our beloved Sisters Edna, Martina, and Jiasmin feel the same way. I hope you are equally as excited to carry out this mission with us as a parish family.

On a very practical note, by now you have seen the scaffolding that is encircling our church. Soon we will begin the arduous project of repointing the brick, scraping the windows, fixing the bell towers and roof, and lighting up the exterior.

With God's help we will make sure Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is in great shape for generations to come. But as we do this work, let's not forget...our buildings mean nothing if we aren't growing our ministry. Let's do both at the same time.

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