



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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This week we received some very good and special news.

On Sunday evening, August 6th, one of Pope Francis' ambassadors ("nuncios"), Archbishop Charles Brown, will be visiting our parish. Archbishop Brown is a New York priest whom I came to know during my studies and work in Rome. For the last five years he served as the Holy Father's representative in Ireland. A few months ago, he was named as the new Papal Nuncio to Albania. I have invited Archbishop Brown to come bless the statue of Mother Teresa of Calcutta that we commissioned to be sculpted for our renovated church.

Mother Teresa was Albanian so it will be a special honor to have the Pope's ambassador to Albania bless our statue. As you know, the Albanian people have played a vital role in our community. How wonderful will it be to have an Albanian saint, loved by all of us, prominently displayed for devotion in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I am inspired by the members of the Albanian community (both Catholics and Muslims) who have been very generous to our renovation projects and have sponsored the commissioning of this original piece of devotional art.

All are invited to meet outside the front doors of our church at 6:45pm on Sunday evening, August 6th, to welcome Archbishop Brown and be part of the rite of blessing of the statue. We will then process the statue into the church (you will get a sneak peak of the renovation process).

**God Bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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