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Thoughts from the pastor,

This will be my last letter for a couple weeks since I will be on the other side of the world. Obviously there is no word on who might end up my replacement here at SEAS. The soonest there might be any word would be about March 6th, which is Ash Wednesday. There is a personnel board meeting shortly before that so they might figure it out before that day. If they don't it would mean a slower process because they just meet once a month.

In last weekend's homily I was mentioning the way that Jesus has put us in His place to give each other a chance to get to heaven. The Archbishop is doing his part in this process by having Arch Omaha Unite. This event on June 8th is a way of energizing the people of the Archdiocese. It includes events for the kids and our young people, a great comedian, an awesome celebration of the Mass, and many other events. The biggest thing you have to remember is that you have to register for the event and you have to save that registration email or paper or you won't get in. There will be people here at SEAS after the Masses this weekend to help people with those registrations and answer questions. Hopefully we can get about 200 people from the parish to attend. As it gets closer we can figure out if there are some who would like to car pool to save money and congestion down at the CHI Health Center.

Another way that people are renewing each other in faith for the purpose of getting to heaven is attending a retreat or a renewal weekend. Some of you have already attended one of the retreats at the Cloisters on the Platte Retreat Center. That is an Ignatian style retreat based on Ignatian Spirituality. More of you have had the opportunity to attend C.E.C., or Christians Encounter Christ. This is less retreat and more of an encounter with Jesus weekend. These go from Friday evening through Sunday. I have worked as Spiritual Director on these retreats and have given talks on many others. I made my CEC weekend over 35 years ago. They are held at the Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center on 60th and N.W. Radial Hwy, or just east of her about 5 miles, so it is convenient. Like the Cloisters' retreats you stay overnight. There is more info in this bulletin. The next men's encounter is March 8-10 and the women's is March 22-24. For even more information or to pre-register contact our CEC Parish rep, Cora Thelen, 402-960-1020, corathelen@gmail.com. Or check out www.cecomaha.org.

Fr. Jeff Lorig will be having most of the Masses the next few weekends. The priests from St. James will be covering most of the weekday Masses and confessions. There are a few spots that will have to be communion services, like the Saturday mornings.

I will be getting back from my trip a few days before Lent starts. Ash Wednesday is March 6th and I have the ashes all ready. The Masses that day will be the regular Holy Day schedule even though it is not a Holy Day, 7am, 12:10pm, and 7pm. Many of you have already realized that there is a Friday evening Mass here at SEAS again so during Lent, Stations of the Cross will follow that Mass. So you can get to the fish fry events, SEAS will have ours on 3/15, 3/29, & 4/12. St. James will have theirs on 3/8, 3/22, & 4/5.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank