



*"Put on, as God's Chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."*

*Colossians 3:12,13*

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this holy day! Congratulations on your celebration of fifty years as a parish of the Diocese of Orlando. You have been rightly named after our Blessed Virgin Mother's mother, St. Ann, and we know her faith as it was a testament within her daughter, Mary, who gave of herself completely, to bring forth God's goodness.

St. Paul, in his discussion with the Colossians, reminds us of how St. Ann lived and how it came to be that her daughter, Mary, was so full of faith in the Lord. Regardless of our physical possessions, we are called to be in relationship with God and thus to love one another as He loves us. What St. Paul speaks to the Colossians also describes the community of St. Ann, holy and beloved.

I am grateful to all the priests, religious and lay people who selflessly served the people of God since the conception of St. Ann Parish. I am grateful to each one of you for your faithfulness.

For the next fifty years, may whatever you do, in word or in deed be in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan  
Bishop of Orlando