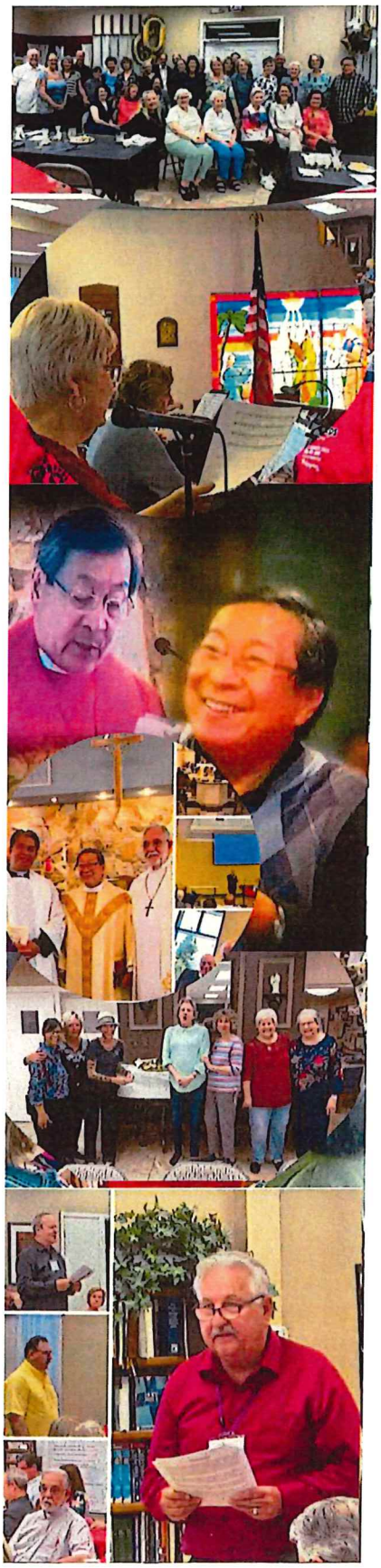
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1 Corinthians 3:7]

November 11, 2025



My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Twenty-five years ago, God brought us together at the Church of the Holy Spirit to begin a journey of faith, fellowship, and service. Through seasons of joy and uncertainty, challenges and blessings, we have planted seeds of hope, nurtured relationships, and built a community rooted in Christ's love.

As I prepare to enter a new season of my life in retirement, I look back with a heart overflowing with gratitude. What we have accomplished together is not the work of one person, but the fruit of our shared faith, commitment, and willingness to answer God's call.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:7 that while some plant and others water, **it is God who gives the growth.** As my years as your Rector draw to a close, this Scripture reminds us that the seeds we have planted together must continue to be nurtured, allowing new opportunities for ministry, discipleship, and service to flourish.

Through your generosity, our church has remained a welcoming place of worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship. Together, we have extended Christ's compassion across our community and beyond through outreach and mission ministries, touching lives and sharing God's love wherever we are called to serve.

As we begin our **2027 Stewardship Campaign**, I prayerfully invite you to continue this sacred work through the generous offering of your **time, talent, and treasure**. Your faithful commitment sustains our worship, strengthens our ministries, cares for our church home, and prepares our parish for the opportunities that lie ahead.

As we gather for our **Stewardship In-Gathering on Sunday, December 6, 2026,** I invite you to offer your commitments with grateful hearts. And as I prepare to celebrate my final Sunday with you on December 27, my heartfelt prayer is that you will remain steadfast in your love for God and one another, embracing the future with faith and confidence in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for allowing me the extraordinary privilege of walking alongside you these past 25 years. May God continue to bless our church family and the ministries we have lovingly built together.

The seeds we have planted together are not the end of our story, but the beginning of all that God has yet to grow.

In Christ's love,

The Rev. Raynald Bonoan+

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Rector

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