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The Person, the Family and the Church:

Living as The Body of Christ

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GOOD NEWS – PARISH STORIES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION

Very often, as we gather in small groups, we share little stories of what God is doing in our lives or in our parishes and how we survived the pandemic. These stories often serve to provide great encouragement and inspiration to others who are perhaps in need of a little encouragement at that moment in their lives. With all the struggles that we as Priests and laity go through, and with all the bad news that we're daily bombarded with by the various news channels and social media, it's nice to take some time to hear some good news once in a while.

With that in mind, we are setting aside some time during the assembly for you or your parishioners to share with everybody a "good news" story about your parish. What's been happening in the life of your parish? Have you started any new ministries or programs that you find being especially blessed by God? Has someone in your parish been healed, or received a long-sought-after answer to prayer? Is your parish doing any weekly book studies that you would like to recommend to others?

Please take some time to reflect on what God has been doing in your parish, and then share it with everyone at the Assembly. Or ask one of your parishioners that will be attending the Assembly if he/she could share the story.

These stories need only be a couple of minutes in length. However, in order to make sure we have the necessary time for everyone to share them, I will need to know who they are in advance so I can get them all scheduled. So please think about this, pray about it, and talk to your parishioners about it. When you've decided who is going to be sharing this story of encouragement and inspiration, please email me at paulwkara@gmail.com to let me know.

Perhaps God will use your story to encourage one of the attendees to be renewed in their strength, not to give up, and to help them "mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not be weary; to walk and not faint."