

OUR LADY
of LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear Lourdes Family,

Seven years ago before becoming pastor here at Lourdes, I had everything arranged to take a sabbatical at a retreat center after having served in campus ministry for 10 years. With joy, I accepted the call of the Holy Spirit, to become the shepherd of this great flock! Yet, in these seven years I have neglected my spiritual life and have not taken the necessary time for renewal and refreshment. Though your awesome support, loving encouragement, and heart-warming affection have carried me through, I have been running on empty, so to speak. So starting Monday, July 24, I will take a short sabbatical (a month or so) for my spiritual housecleaning and well-being.

While I am away, Father Bruce will attend to the administration of the parish. He will depend on the parish staff and the assistance of Deacons Lenny and Chester to serve the needs of the community. Fathers Frederick LeBrecque (of Unbound), Joseph Morris, and Royal Lee will assist Father Bruce with the Masses and other sacramental needs.

Please keep me in your prayers as I will most certainly keep you in mine. I will return in September refreshed and renewed to serve you all with my whole heart.

With love in Christ,

Father Jeffery





"Meet one another doing good." — Pope Francis



Parish Announcement

I have extended an invitation to Rev. Rick LaBrecque to come to our parish on the weekend of July 29 - 30, 2017. Father LaBrecque will speak to you about the work being done by Unbound (previously known as CFCA), and how this provides a trustworthy way to actively participate in the social outreach of the Catholic Church and answer the Gospel call to serve the poor.

Founded by lay Catholics, Unbound is an organization that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 19 developing countries since 1981 - empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential.

Unbound's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. With a monthly contribution, a sponsor helps to provide much-needed nourishing food, medical and dental care, the chance for a child to go to school, livelihood programs for families and much more. All of these efforts are directed at affirming the dignity of every person in their local community.

Please join me in welcoming Father LaBrecque to our parish.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father Jeffrey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Jeffrey Ott O.P.
Pastor

